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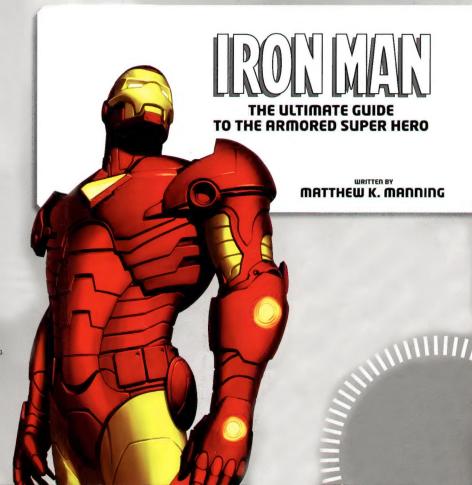
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FOREWORD



Hike Iron Man, but Hove Tony Stark. I'm not sure if the good luck and great time I've had writing The Invincible Iron Man has anything to do with that fact, but I suspect so.

Inspired by Howard Hughes and premiering in Tales of Suspense in April 183, Stark was the character that Stan Lee always claimed got the most fan mali from women. In 1966, when Grantray-Lawrence Animation made the The Marvel Super Heroes daily animated series (chich aired The Invincible Iron Man on Wednesday afternoons) (by "animated." I mean "almost-animated via moving various art elements from the original art from the comics around on-screen"), the Iron Man theme song started off with the couplet, "Tony Stark makes you feel/He's a cool exec with a heart of steel... "The jingle itself began with Stark—not from Man.

Here's my thing. In the book—even in my own pages of the book—you can put different people inside the armor and still call the comic and the character inon Man and it pretty much still files. He—or she—still has the heimet, the circle or triangle doodad on the chest, light-up palms, sometimes even rocket-skates in the boots. Fiving, that's important, it's fine, it's tun. It works.

Because the suit is the future and that's always fun to watch. Tony is its test pilot, its inventor. And that combo resonates like a tuning fork deep within us.

There's a thing I think we all relate to in Super Hero stories, no matter what media they come to us wrapped in, that heips explain their enduring popularity. I believe "Super Heroes" endure because of the transformative moment—the instant where our hero becomes something more.

Name for me a single Super Hero—In-comics, film, TV, wherever—where, the whole time they're unning around in their Super Hero guise there's a part of you waiting the after ego to go away so they can return to their civilian life. I can't really think of anybody other than Tony Stark who, depending on the day, is at least as interesting and fun to watch as is nor Man. You can't waif for Robert Downey. It, or get back on screen and, if an Iran Nara orealive team is doing its job right, you shouldn't have to wait long for Tony Stark to get back on-panel, either.

This link the most original thought of the world, but I think that the common link in all the great stories and myths and characters that resonate with us is transformation. I believe that every great and lasting myth, legend, table, film, pulp, or pop fection that's ever captured popular imagination did so because, at its root, someone or something starts of fin the story as one thing that we recognize with some degree of shame, regert, or empathy and, through crisis and resolution, becomes something preater than, and we, the audience, on some level, take at best inspiration and at worst are entertained by that transformative journey. All the stories we love are, in some ways, aspirational or cautionary tales of transformation. Of evolution. And think Super Hero stories this us the way they do because we literally see the transformation. It's not a wound being healed, it's not a wrong being righted—it's a main becoming superman. Or Superman or Spider-Man or ron Man as the case may be. We are witness to the mirriaculous transformation and it just served us

Throw in a dash of danger—a sense of rescue to it all—of flesh and blood people digging deep and fighting back—and you've got yourself some mythic resonance.

Tony Stark is a man rescuing his fellow man, a man transforming himself, a man taking the reins of evolution in his teeth and forcing it to go where he wants it to go.

And he looks amazing in a tuxedo.

Here's to you, Tony.

MATT FRACTION

WRITER OF THE INVINCIBLE IRON MAN

Portland, Oregon September 2009



IRON MAN

Iron Man has always looked towards the future. From his debut in the pages of *Tales of Suspense* #39, to the most recent issue of his fifth ongoing comic series, his billionaire alter ego Tony Stark has been in a constant state of reinvention. Stark's goal? To stay one step ahead of the competition, and to lead by heroic example.

When he first appeared on the scene, Tony clad himself in a bulky gray armor with all the style and panache of an fire hydrant. His evolution into a hero was just beginning. His look soon transformed into that of an atomic knight in golden shining armor and then to the robotic equivalent of a hot rod. Flash with substance. The idea of piloting their own Iron Man armor became a daydream for thousands of readers. But Tony Stark was just getting warmed up. Over the years, Iron Man has remained on the cutting edge of technology, adapting to the future almost before its arrival. Tony Stark has been a war profiteer, a playboy, a Super Hero financier, an electronics ploneer, a humanitarian, a business consultant, a computer technician, a super-spy and even the US Secretary of Defense. But always at his core, Tony Stark has been Iron Man, a visual symbol of heroism, change and faith in science to shape a better world.

He's Iron Man. The Golden Avenger. Shellhead. But most importantly, he's Tony Stark, one of the greatest minds of his generation.

THE BIRTH OF IRON MAN

The brainchild of some of the most creative individuals ever to work in the comic book medium, Iron Man made his dramatic debut on the cover to *Tales of Suspense #39*.

By March of 1963, comic book wither and cellior Stan Lee was getting privily sure of himself, And by all accounts, he had one with yield to the Working along-joid eitered y legendary artists like Jack Kirby and Stove Dibto, Lee hard Lehend in what was to be horown as the Marcel Ago of comics. Just a few short months earlier, in November of 1961, Lee and Kirby had introcuced the world to the Feathast For Lin their titles premise issue. They followed up that hit with the debut of the Hulk in May of the "eldowing view," Finn, tearning with Dibto, Lee Introduced Spidice Man that Spidnerber in the pages of Amazing Fantasis," I sith and finel issue. With the introduction of Thre and Ant-Hulk may count to flow. Lee India stirtly of Lee India

So he set out to test that theory, in an increasingly idealistic; antiestablishment age of CNR Rights and anti-Mehrain New Protest, Lee dockded to create a character that the reademiny wouldn't readily identify with. He created a weepon's designer who worked for the government, rather than rebelling against it. Instead of an overnmen character like Spider-Men, who gened instant sympathy from the readers due to his claimitative problems and inner conflicts, Lee created a millionaire playboy, adel from society is and immune to any financial concerns. Despite all these apperent handcaps, from Men was a hit with the public – just as Lee had suspected all along.

Lee understood that like all great characters. Tony Stark just necessed all guite of tragedy to humanisch him. By making Tony injured in a wartime attack and forced to were a metal chest plate in order to survive, lice created sympathy for an chrowine distanced character, in an uniprocedented occurrence in Leek appelence, from Man began to receive more mall from female readers than any of his other popular titles, a fact Lee stiffbuted to an inhorn maternal instinct to take care of this remarkable.

Stan Lee had once more created a hero with a lasting ten base and media legacy, tron Man first appeared sporting a gray suif of armon as if to reflect Lee's own Midas touch, by Iron Man's second appearance, the color of his armon had turned to cold.



At the time, keeping a consistent shade of gray was a troublesome challenge for an ewsprint press. To remedy the situation, Stan Lee decided to have fron Man paint his armor gold (which conveniently printed as yellow) in his second appearance.



"Here you have this character, who on the outside is invulnerable, I mean, just can't be touched, but inside is this wounded figure. Stan made it very much an in-your-face wound, you know, his heart was broken,

literally broken."

THE CREATORS

STAN LE

The crashe behind hundreds of Marvel characters, Star Pie Mart Le ent on voly helped to unber in Marvel's rise to from in the 1960s, and the star description of the 1960s, and the star description of the 1960s, and the characters of the 1960s and the characters of the 1960s and the characters of the 1960s and 196

LARRY LIEBER

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Although he didn't design the Iron Man armor Island, noe Hock dig Just about everything else to bring Tony Stark's obventures to life. The Interior artist for Tiber of Sisuppose 263, as well as most of Iron Man's other early exploits, Don Hock chrasted the dermatic possipe. Not keep treated in dermatic possipe is keep treated or coming back for more. Designing to look of millionative Tony Stark based on Stan Let's suggestion of a Novard Hughestype personality. Hock gave the chranted a novard Hughestype personality. How they have the massible-ciking active Error Type to Tony's personality. Province Tiber many other characters in Sublibeach's Hiscondomly Popper Pots and Hoppy Hogan.

JACK KURBY

The guiding force behind Marvel Comics' trademark look in the 1960s, Jack "the King" Kirby's work is as popular today as it was 40 years ann Always experimenting with his craft and pushing the boundaries of forced perspective and dynamic storytelling. Kirby had already co-created dozens of Marvel Icons, from Captein America to the Fantastic Four. Knowing Kirby's flair for creating characters that resonated with readers, Lee tasked Jack with designing Iron Man for the cover of the all-important falor of Suspense #39 White Iron Man's look has evalved and changed many times over the years, Kirby's vision of a robotic suit of armor is still fondly remembered by fans as a symbol of the classic Marvel Age.



Thunni.

This ariginal art for the splash page for Tales of Suspanse #78 showcases Stan Lee's lighthearted credit box, which was one of his trademarks. Lee always made sure his staff were acknowledged for their work, something rarely seen at the time.

HEY ISSUE



TALES OF #39 SUSPENSE

"You are not facing a wounded, dving man now... or an aged, gentle professor! This is Iron Man who opposes you, and all you stand for!"

IDON MAN

MAIN CHARACTERS: Iron Man; Wong-Chu; Professor

SUPPORTING CHARACTERS: An unnamed general and US government employees; female socialites; prisoners and soldiers of Wong-Chu's camp LOCATIONS: Stark Industries: Wong-Chu's South Vietnam camp; US military camp in South Vietnam

PUBLICATION DATE March 1963

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Stan Lee

COVER ARTIST Jack Kirby and Don Heck

PLOTTER Stan Lee

SCRIPTER **Larry Lieber**

PENCILER/INKER Don Heck

LETTERER **Art Simek** BACKGROUND

It was all told in a mere 13 pages. Despite having his landmark debut crammed into an anthology comic with a few other science fiction stories, there was no question that Iron Man was the true star of Tales of Suspense #39. Not only was this fledgling hero given the lead story feature, his top billing was also touted

on the cover, with a blurb proclaiming that Iron Man had sprung from the same creative well as Spider-Man and the Fantastic Four. And for the most part, he did. Iron Man was Stan Lee's brainchild, but when the time came to actually pen his initial tale. Lee's busy schedule

didn't permit him to script the hero's first outing. Lee plotted the adventure and handed the story summary to artist Don Heck. The dialog chores found their way to the desk of Larry Lieber, Stan's vounger brother, and co-conspirator on another Marvel icon, the mighty Thor. The result was another certified success for Marvel, and Iron

> Man remained at the helm of Tales of Suspense for the rest of the title's lifespan.



The Storu...

Millionaire long Stark suffers a debilitating injury and in taken cautive by communist forces, only to penne by greating a new identity as from Max.

Tony Stark was always a bit of a showboat. A millionaire munitions manufacturer, well received for his brilliant technological innovations that were often employed by the US military. Tony lived a life of luxury and accisim. He had a girl hanging on his arm at every party, and a prospective client hanging on his every word at any business meeting. He had just wowed one of his military associates with a demonstration of his newest invention: high-powered miniature translators (1). By attaching one of these small devices to a normal everyday magnet, Stark was able to rip a: thick, steel door right off its hinges (22). The demonstration was more then enough to impress the general in charge, and Tony was given a contract to help aid US forces in Vistnern.

Meanwhile, in the heart of the jungles of that war-tom country, communist leader Wong-Chu (iii) was enjoying his own exhibition. The unscrupulous commander of a band of guerriles, Wong-Chu had just edded another conquered village to his flefdom and, as was his custom, had issued a challenge to the male inhabitants. If one of them could best him in a wrestling match, he would set the entire village free. Several villagers accepted Wong-Chu's challenge, but the twent dispetched each one with

Tony Stark's arrivel in Vietnam threatened to chance that. Unable to transport heavy artillery through the jungle, the heads of a US military base near Wong-Chu's lettest camp were teeting Stark's new ministure translators in hand-held mortars. Tony wested to see the action firethand (4). But when he accidentally set off a booby-trapped trip wire (8), he was knocked uncoracious by the resulting explosion, with a piece of shrapnel lodged dengerously near his heart. To make matters worse, the helpiese businessman was soon captured by the communist forces and brought back to Wong-Chu's camp.

ease. Once again, Wong-Chu was victorious.

Fortunately, like most of the civilized world, Wong-Chu had heard of Timy Stark. So rather then kill the brillent inventor outright, the communist leader instead instructed Tony to build a weapon that would help in combating the American forces (6), in exchange, Wong-Chu promised to have his finest surgeon see to Tony's heart and cure him of his condition. Knowing that Wong-Chu had no intention of giving him any medical treatment, Tony screed to the terrorist's terms, and set out with his own agends. He would build a suit of armor that would not only halo austain his life, but would also be his means: of escape.

With the aid of Professor Yinsen (7), a fellow prisoner and brilliant physicist your has as of throseour viriage (F), a fellow presents and brilliant physic which in the votal a large believed each, Stark, constructed an iron suit of armor, powered by his expanimental translations. Domining the armor just as his heart began to fall. Stark key down on a table whiting for the suit to fully change and for its electronic translation to seve this file (E). In order to stall Wong-Chris approaching through more than the suit of the halvesy only to big gunned down by the tyrant's men. The momentary diversion was all Stark needed, and as Iron Man, he made his escape from his tiving quarters

Later, as Wong-Chu dispetched yet another hopeful in a wrestling melch. a new challenger celled to him from the crowd. While Wong-Chu pawked In disbellef at the metal marvel standing before him, fron Man attacked his foe, and easily bested him (6). Fighting titrough a hell of bullets, from Man took down Chu's entire camp, before defeating the fleeing tyrant himself by trappins him is an explosion of a nearby ammunition shed (18) Trapped Inside his iron shall and alone in the Vietnamese jurgle, from Man disappeared into the wilderness, pondering where this new life of his would take him next (11).













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THE ICONIC RRINGS

1964

It's in Tony Stark's nature to constantly design and redesign. Thus Iron Man's most mamorable look was more the result of a series of improvements than one dramatic everhaul. After streamlining his mask during a battle with the Mandario, Tony continued to experiment with design and function, improving every aspect of his armor's parformance, from its repulser rays to its roller wheels from Man's suit soon possessed numerous gadgets, such as a reverser ray, a black-light tracer, a built-in gunerator, a chemical enray, explosive darts, and a diamond-tipped blade. In addition, from Mon was able to seal his armor for brief underwater treest, utilizing a back-up are supply.



NEO CLASSIC

1988

While wagens has infomose Armor Wars, Tear constructed a new suit of armor that improved on all hes past designs. Built to trick the world ents throking a new man was piloting the from Man suit, his new red and gold design was ground with a capatist-projected exercy should, a more powerful pulse buit, enhanced speed, regid-fire sequencing, and an electromagnetic pulsa house.

HYDRO ARMOR MK 1

1987

Built for long expeditions under water, Iron Mon's first attempt at deep-sea armer was equipped with saveral hours worth of oxygen, enabling the wearer to travel miles while submerged. Blde in unitational even the strangest pressures found at the ocean floor, Iron Man's hudro armor also had a searchlight and a soner system.



THE ARMOR

1993-2000

DEUROMIMETIC TELEPRESENCE

1993

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WAR MACHINE ARMOR

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MODULAR ARMOR

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sumpping out various out-systems auch as bests kulmets. This

HULKBUSTER MK 1 1994

As part of his modular armor system, Tony created the Mulikaster aut, with impact-resistant carbon-composites and a magin-Apractic generolomicsalative rated at 175 tons. This armor was tough enough to handle creas the finecest battle with the green update howers at the Incredible Hulls.

neels as boots, gloves, of hulmets. This allowed from filten to "draes for the secacion," bringing ealy the equipment end adventure solled for,

THE CROSSING

Corrected by the power of the timespanning villain Immortus, Iron Mon slowly began to lose control of his faculties Under Immortes' thrull Ions Sterk ast up shoe in a cemote Arctic fortress. and designed a blue and white snowsuit to aid his trevel to and from his new base, Soon Tony designed another new look to fit his personality shift: this new, highly sonbuticated armor possessed arototype telegortation shilities.



SOURCE LIEUTURE

2000

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YOUNG TONY

1996

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counterpart. With the Avengers by his side, young Tony's new ermor stood up against Iron Man's every stack, until the older Tony enlosshed a near-fatal blow that croppled the young bey's frentle beert.



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YOUNG TONY MK 2

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THE ARMOR

The 21st Century

SPACE ARMOR

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TIN MAN ARMOR

2002

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STERLTH ARMOR MK 3 2002

When tracking down the seemingly reagued Black Ponther; Iron Men elitized his latest-model stealth armor. Composed of advanced composite ceramics, the armor was capable of projecting bolognams onte its surface and making the wearer writabili privishle. Ideal for especage onessions, the surface had ninewative noise-

reduction engine, but anly possessed the shifty to fire three repulser shots. The armor contained absolutely no metal, and instead was built with experimental broneural gel-pack circuity.

THORBUSTER ARMOR

When Iron Man was ferced to hattle Ther, he adapted magical armor powered by the same enchantment that gives Ther's famous magic famour. Mislion: its strength.

Combining the strength of Thor with his own power, Iron Man gave the thunder god a run for his manay.



SKIN ARMOR 2001 Acquiring new technology from Mashattan's Askew Lake, Iren Man

censtructed his SKIM armor using resolutionary liquid matil circuitry that shaped around free Man's body in a mearly unbrankable shell. Yet arban not must, the substance could be compacted to this use of a hassellel. To asyment this impressive armor, Tong added search each prahas, a nearly Made that could extend into a heald, chameless-like capabilities, and a holographic prejuters.

ABLATIVE ARMOR

When facing an alies entity that hed the shilling to advers to electronics and animate them with artificial life, Tony decided to give his abiation armor a nost run. Layered with thousands of high-impact payment bloo, this coll: was designed to shed bloo in the svent of descape.

When an enemy missile bit the armor, the demograf blee would simply pay off. Meanwhile, a palymer hile on the best of the selt produced mare tibe, which the armor's force field inclined in place.







The Extremis armor is Iron Men's most advanced to date. Tees utilized Extremes were technology to literally rewrite his hody's own functions into a superior fusion of man and machine. With Extremis tech in his system. Tany could link with satellites or any other technological device, simply with the power of thought.



HIGH-G ARMOR

fully and busy, similar to his three previous nutarone malin, Teny's High-II (high-granity) armer was acted with stability away much in inted. focalific residence of Art Competitute. ph-V ouit allowed from Man to re and stay oriented while being ed through space, and even Titanium Man.



2006

When personny a couplet to the undersea lungdom of Atlantia, Il-Wan member Watering recruited bein from his follow New Avenger from Man. Using one of Yony Stark's new deep-see draing suits. Wolverine was able to stand the untald pressure extremes of the ecese's floor and continue to hunt down his proy.

HYPERVILOCITY SEGSE



The Young S.A groups

HULKBUSTER MK 2 ARMOR 2007

When Topy Stark belond quite the Hulk onto outer space, he had planned for the contingency that the Green Goliath might somehow return to Earth. Wearing his largest, most protective suit of ermer, Iron Man challenged the Hulk to a physical confrontation above Manhattan, while simultaneously broadcasting an inspiring address to the nation. Conside the Hulkhuster armor's remarkable durability and firegower, the Hulk made short work of Iron Man's



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TONY STARK

At age 15, he carelled in MIT. By 21, he was running one of the largest companies in North America. Anthony "Teny" Stark has always been ahead of the pack, the curve, and his time.



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The Wit and Wisdom of Tony Stark

All of those who've wondered why **fron Man** risks his life time and time again... If they could feel the indescribable **exhilaration** of flying in an armored suit, they'd wonder **no more!**

Two can play the game of gadgets, rabbit ears! On the other hand, there's a classic **simplicity** to a good **right hand jab** that's not to be denied!

> All right, Doom, you've won that round. But that's only check... not check-mate!

If you want to remain saved, get back out of the line of fire.

Head butting like this could get me thrown out of most wrestling bouts—but I'm not fighting for trophies here! I'm fighting for my life!

No one has the right to defy the wishes of his government... not even Iron Man!

My appearance terrifies women and children as if I were a **monster!** I'm a frightening sight to the very people I want to aid and protect!

But could I have married Janice? Would it have been fair with a heart like mine?

Firebrand, you've come up with a costume that has powers and protection nearly equal to mine... How can you so insanely misuse it?!

What about my cause? What is it I'm fighting for? Whatever it is, I must live for it... and die for it.



I went from being a man trapped in an iron suit to being a man freed by it.

There is a pollution crisis in the world, but it can't be solved by taking the first **hysterical action!**

I don't deal in weapons any more... I'm more interested in creating the future than blowing it up.

Being a man in a metal suit doesn't solve any problems... It just gives you a whole lot of new ones to think about.

You can't let somebody else do your suffering for you.

Can I have a personal relationship with anyone and continue to function as Iron Man should?

I won't waste time defending the past or arguing about the present while a man's in danger!

I guess, in the final reckoning, it does add up... the life of a Super Hero has meaning... and purpose.

Hiding? Is that what it's come to? Hiding my feelings, my life—behind an iron mask?

This is the most **sophisticated**, most astonishing invention I've ever constructed! But that's the precise reason,, why it has to be **destroyed**!

With all the pain and sorrow my other armor caused, I shudder to think what could happen if this fell into evil hands.

I've learned that free will isn't a gift-it's a muscle which needs to be exercised-and only when it's in peak condition—is a man truly awake.



STARK INDUSTRIES

"Am I an arms dealer? No.
Did I start out as a weapons
designer? Yes. Do I intend to
die as one? No." Tony Stark

A Family Business

The brainthild of Isaac Stark Sr., Stark inclustries was an engineering manufacturing business formed in the 19th century. The company contract for it is family-run organization, with the position of president and CEO being passed down through generations of Stark main in modern times. Stark inclustries began to focus on weapons.



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Stark Industries has undergone many changes over the years—different names, different policies, different locations—its fluctuating fortunes mirroring those of its presiding genius, the endlessly inventive Tony Stark.

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Behind his playboy persona and his charming, carefree wit, Tony Stark is a man tortured by past mistakes and future concerns. He lives a life of extremes, a life that has led him to battle potentially crippling health problems and a chronic addiction to alcohol.

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Tony Stark's entire fortune was founded on death. Although he has tried to see it from some other perspective, there's ne avoiding the facts. His father was a weapons manufacturer, selling brilliant and efficient killing machines to the US government to sid their various war efforts. When Tony took over his father's business, he too became little more than a glorified arms dealer. Tony improved upon his father's ideas and Stark Industries resped the benefits.

It wasn't until Tony witnessed firsthand the destructive might of his terrible creations that he began to have serious misgivings about his life's work. After a near-fatal injury caused by one of his own Stark landmines, Teny began to appreciate the consequences of his creations. It took time, paperwork, and wading through miles of rad tage, before Tony was able to cease all Stark weapons manufacturing once and for all, He now fights as Iron Man trying to make amends. for his past by protecting the people of the present. But the fact that he can never bring back the many thousands of lives destroyed by hiscompany's inventions weighs heavily upon him.



Tony Stark's greatest feer to

that he'll lose entirel again. Struggling with alcoholism nearty his entire adult life, Tony has hit rock bottom on more than one occasion. Alcohol is a persistent threat foaming in the darkest recessors of his mind -a titreat that some of

Tony's anemies have ruthlessly explained. Hamily a ricy goes by that Tony doesn's do battle with the demon In the bottle.

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all the while.



While the armor he's created seems to be nearly invulnerable. the man who wears it has preven to be anything but. From the vary beginning of Irun Man's career, Tony has struggled with a near-fistal beart condition, brought on by shregnel lodged. close to his heart. Originally Tony was forced to wear his lifesaving from Man closel plate of all tiress, just to keep his feel? heart beating. He has undergone a heart transplant to ours this condition, but over the years has fallen victim to other ills, such as a shattered spine and a bout of total paralysis.

FRIENDS 6 ALLIES

If a man can be judged by this friends alone, iron Man certainly has nothing to worry about. Earning allies both in the boatdroom and the battlefield, Tony Stark always has someone to call on in a crisis.

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backers of the peacekeeping foro SHIELD, Tony Stank helped appoint. Nick Fury as the organization's director Stank has continued to aid SHIELD in both of his identities, even after Fury tried

takeover of Stark Internationar back when Tony pledged to end its weapon production. In fact, immediately after Tony foiled Fury's attempt, the two fought side by side against the towaring automaton Dreadhought.

Dum Dum Dugan i



Nick Fury's rightnand man, and a fine leader in his own right. Timothy 'Dum Dum' Dugan began working for Stark when Tony was named the Director of SHIELD However during the event of the Secret Invasion [see po 180-181].

by the elien, shapeshifting Skrulls, it was revealed that Tony had not been working with Dugan at all, but a Skrull impersonating the loval soldier.

Eddie March



A boxer inspired by informed by comme-busting adventures. Eddie March was groomed by Tony Stark to replace him

Womed eboot his fishing health Tony anthusiastically trained Eddie to take over for him, only to discover that March's life was society threatened by a blood clot. However, after Tony recisioned his role as a Super Hero, he and Eddie continued their heridship, and March subsequently joined Stark's charitable from Man Foundation.

Scott Lang I



The second hero to call himself Anc. Man (the first was scientist and ongine Averager Henry Pyrn), Scott Lang worked for Stark International for years Often trusted to help his employer out in a pinch, Langwas willing to go the extre mile for Tony, on one occasion

prison on his behalf to interrogate an inmate. Lang was tragically killed during the rampage of the unbelenced Avenger Scarlet Witch

Pepper Potts



Athough perhaps the most loyal friend Tory Stark has ever had, his executive essistent Pepper Potts hasn't always got on well with her eccentric boss

hirst, met Tony, che found him to be e bit exert. And years later, when she married Happy Hogan, Pepper wanted little to do with Tony Stark, knowing the trouble he always brough linto their lives. Rejgerdless. Pepper is always drawn back to Tony, and probably always will be

Abe Zimmer



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account of the Gnost sabotaur. The two started a working relationship that budded into a true friendship. Zemmar helipad Stark hack into foreign computers during his "Amorr Wars". He proved his loyalty to Tony when the died at the hand of the villanious. Stockpie to keep Tony's secrets sefe.

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son and daughter, Clay Hogen (brother-in-

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In Good Hands

When Pepper first took over as Tony's acciptant, she saw her workload increase tenfold. But soon Tony started to realise Industries, and the two became a solid team, even as their respents tensions grew. Papper helped Stark on all fronts and even seved fron Men's life on more than one occasion.



Bomb Victim

Tony were never quite able to spark up a full-fledged romence. Tony worried about the state of his injured heart, while Pepper worried about Tony's reluctance to settle down with any one women. It ween't until Pepper was caught in a clearly bleat while stlending a gale with Tony that he truly realized how important she was to him. With shrapnel imbedded in her sheet near her heart. Tony was forced to equip Pepper with repulsor technology to keep her alive.



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HAPPY HOGAN

More worted about injuring his opponents then winning a title, boxer Herold "Happy" Hogen never found much success in the ring. Retring from the fight game and taking a job at Stark Industries as Tony Stark's personal chauffer. Heappy thought her for just his days of Volence behind him. Instead, his life becerte a powder leng, when

"He needs a chauffeur like a hole in the head! What does he keep me around for, anyway?"





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When Tony was esting a custom stock car at the Indianapolis Speedway, he forgot to recharge his Iron Man chest plate that, at that time, kept his injured

Jony crashed into an embankment, and was pulled out of the flames by spectator Hanty-Hogan



Happy-Go-Lucky

Even after Tony Stark offered him a cushy job as his chautter as a second but a

on the racetrack. Happy rarely fropped his trademark scowl ience his "Happy" inckname.

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POLL NAME Harold Joseph "Higgs" Hogan

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MELATIVES Virginis "Popper" Potte Hogen (wife), unidentified father, grandfather and sibilings, unidentified feeter daughter and

OCCUPATION Personal assistant and chauffour, fermer lideon for tocal affairs of the Illaria Stank Foundation, OBS of Bank Enterprises, fight manager, ransher, security chief, bedyguard, beser

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"You know something, Hap? You're the only guy I ever met who can make me feel like a moron." **Tony Stark**



Breaking Up, Making Up...

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The couple would still have their share of problems. A rift again grow between thom when Peager had a miscarriage.





Despite his slow demeanor, it was neveragood idea to underestimate Happy Hogan. The Spymatter made the mistake of doing just that Iron Man into a trap Happy struggled valiantly, knocking the Spymaster and himself off

of a catwalk to stop the attack. Happy's injuries left him in a come. With no hope of his recovery, Pepper begged Tony to use his Entremis link to pull the plug on her husband's Mis-support machine and end his suffering.





"RHODEY"

He's Iron Man's right-hand man and the first person Tony Stark turns to for help. Despite the occasional difference of opinion, Jim "Rhodey" Rhodes has never let Iron Man down.

APOCALYPSE THEN...

It's surprising James Rhodes and Tony Stark ever became friends at all (1). After all, the first time Rhodes ever fall eyes on Tony Stark he shot at him with a machine gun. Few close

shot at him with a machine gun. Few close triendships begin in a hall of gunfire, but it was somehow appropriate for Tony and Jim.

James Rhodes was born in a poor neighborhood in South Philadelphia. Seeking to make a name for himself and rise above his background, Rhodes enlisted in the US Marines and was assigned to a tour of duty overseas. A superb helicopter pilot, Rhodes was nevertheless shot down, crash-landing his prized bird right in the middle of enemy territory. To make matters worse, as he was repairing his craft, a strange armored man came out of the surrounding lungle and approached him. Jim opened fire on this mysterious throat (2), but his bullets couldn't penetrate his target's metal hide The armored man was, of course, Yony Stark in his very first from Man suit. Tony had just escaped from Wong-Chu's prison camp and was seeking Altodey's help.

After jumpsterting Jim's helicopter (3), and routing another camp of enemy soldiers (4), Tony and Rhodey flew back to a nearby US military outpost. This shared combat experience helped form a lasting bond (5).







Always there...



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save his friend's life.

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that Tony had faked his death without telling him, did the two have a falling out, one that time and a bit of good old-fashloned armored; combat finally mended.

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KEY DATA

PULL NAME Bethony Cabo

ALIAS War Machine 2.0

director, fermer CEO of Stark Enterprises, security chief, bedyguard

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POWERS/ABILITIES Expert hand to kand combatant, expert marksman



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Shortly before Tony Stark first developed his aliver centurion armor, Bethany was taken captive by his chief rival, Obadish Stane, There she underwent an experimental procedure created by Dr. Theron Atlanta In which her personality was switched into the body of a clone of the vitain Madame Masque. This new "Betharry" attempted to assassinate Tony, and the real Betharry was assassinate Fony, and the real Bernary was forced to come to his rescue in the form of Madame Mesque. Fortunately, Tony managed to see through the deception and helped. restore Bethany to her own body.

WAR MACHINE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

Iron Man was her past. War Machine would be her future.

Years after Tony's return from the grave, Bethany once again found employment at Stark Industries, When Jim Phodes was critically wounded during an explosion at a military complex, Bethany was placed in charge of his rehabilitation and unfortunate transformation into a cyborg. Working as Rhodey's researcher from her Colorado base, Bethany became instrumental in War Machine's missions. She aven went so far as to don a set of armor to destroy a Rosson facility as War Machine 2.0.





MAIN ENEMIES

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Firepower

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The Meiter

When industrialist Bruno Horgan was discovered to be using inderior instruists in his construction of winepoury for the US government, his contracts were awarded to Tony Stark Ewearing revenge Bruno became the Melter, utilizing a ray capable of reducing from Man's armon to dripping aleg.



The Centroller

Crippled in a lab occident, scientist Basil Sandhurst consisted as exceletant for himself and turned to a life of himself and turned to a life of time as the mod-manipulating Controller. Using his "slave discs" to control his unwetting pawne, the Controller has ast up many illegitimate businesses to drean them of their energies.



Kang the Conqueror

Nathmiel Richards, the time-traveling deeport Kang, has wrought have: in the life of Yony Sterk. In fact, Kang's alternate future self, immortus, was the one vilian to truly defeat from Man, turning him into a nuirdense, ironically, the Leenaged Kang refiseld against his future destiny and decided to become the heroic Young Avanger Iron Lad

Unicorn

Using a power hor in directional by Anton Vanko (the original Criminan Opinamo). Milos Masaryk became the sabuteur Unicorn. His crossed from Minis inach when on a nisson to attack a Stark Industries plant that was manufacturing weapons for the US government. The unscabile Unicorn is much more dangerous than his mention might suggest.



Firebrand

Picking up his communit curent where the previous Frebrand, political realist Gary Gibbers, left off, Rick Dennison, was aven more hostiseded than his hery prodecessor in his mutated form, Frebrand attacked in Island business retirest but was eventually defeated by the quick thinking of from Man.



Count Nefaria

The birth father of Whitining Froat and the reason for her discont into a life of crime as Madsian Minagos, crime boas Lochino Nefarier fees buttled the Avengers and Iron Man more times that a other care to remember. Believed deed formany years. Natural exturned to wage a calculated assault on Iron Manie life.



M.O.D.O.K.

the terrorist organization AIM, MODDK is the mutated form of George Taicton An acronym for Mobile Organism Dissipped Only for Killing, MODDK is bent on mass destruction but so for his plans have been foliad by Iron Mair, Ceptina America, and the Avengers



Wong-Chu

of the prison comp that unwittingly birthed fron Man, Wong-

his first encounter with Stark only to plague him as a ruthless drug lord years later. Disfigured from his first encounter with Tony, Wong-Chu has seemingly sersaled, perhass for good



Living Leser

Separate Ortaur Parks and his ministurized least weapons to embark on a life of crims An accident involving Iron Man turned him into a much deadlier being composed of pure photons.



A.I.M.

from Man hos been thwarting the terrorist organization Advanced Idea Mechanics (AMM) for years. He recently put an end to a epinitor faction called Advanced Newscop Advanced



Ezekiel Stane

The son of one of Stark's greatest rivals, Obadish Stano, Formed Stanopass a memorane footstops and used pirated Stark technology to wage waragainst Tony.



Bunturion

tron Man and Arthur Dearburn, the energy-absorbing Sunturion, were enemies, until Sunturion resilized his flaxion employers were corrupt. He nearly gave his life for Iron Man's cause.



Temujin

Bon of the Mandarin, Temujin inherited his father's enemies when Mandarin was thought dead Temujin clashed with Iron Man, relying on martial arts as much as on his father's rings.



Morcedel Midee

The gold-obsessed crinic hear has hired the likes of Medame Masque and Morgan Stark to do his bidding Midas has sot his greedy sights on Stark Industries many times



Iron Patriot

Encour Since Gener Votes listing annualization of of Tony's Iron Man suits, repainting it and publicly declaring himself a hero, despite his evil intentions.



Scareorow

A contortionist by trade, Ebenezor Laughton loft the stage behind when a chance encounter with Iron Man inspired him to process the Contor their famous as the Spiresonous



Booter Deem

fron Man's equal and opposite number, Victor Von Doom has used his brilliant scientific mind and assames of specific mind for the good of mackind, but to further his own solfish agenda.



Medeme Masque

Her scarred features reflect for disturbed mind. Whitney Frost has been fron Mari's lover, ally, and enemy. Her obsession with Tony Stark has grown to a nearfactal extension.



Ghost

Yony Stark first encountered the enigmetic sebsteur the Ghost when Stark

the Chast when Stark Enterprises was purchasing the electronics congany Accusach, A lenguest opponent of Iron Man's, the Chost joined Norman Caborn's Thundorbotts tourn, etter using her intangibility to help Oaborn stell un Iron Man suit.



Ultimo

A giant robot from outer apace, Ultimo was uncertised by the Manderin Able to adapt to avoid defeat, Ultimo later inerged with Yony's cousin Morgan Stark while batting War Machine



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A tree of high-tech thieves using stalen Stark technology and financed by Edwin Cord, the Raiders have recently upgraded and now work as enforcers for the Chinese government.



L.M.D.

a robotic duplicate of Tony Stark [known as a Life Model Decay or LMD] to life, the android set out to replace the

android set out to replace the man he west created to serve. The LMD denned from Man's armor and hattled his creater until he was destroyed in a ust to the control of the



Vibro

Setemologist Alton Viberenux gained power over narthquakes and incommitteesometripes commit Vibro. He fought and lost to both Tony Stark and Jim Rhedse during their Iron Mon terms.



These team-ups have played a big part in Iron Man's career, giving him a wide array of fellow heroes to call on when the need arises.

Ms. Marvel

Cand Dameen has bad many names, ower the course of her loning camer Site has been known in Warbird, Binarey, and Mr. Marwel Carul last her powers for a while when the mutant. Rogue (then a member of the Bintherhood of Mutants) absorbed them, however, the gained ness ones while tughting alongable the X.-Men can space Site was from Many from Louize as field. Milleade when he formed the Mugher Avengers, and but has more in common with Tony than mency their crimer-legioning part. Like Tony, the hardinest heart realies they have perspining part. Like Tony, the

the arress of her dualise life trook to wen tell and the turned to alcoholto cope with her problems Recognizing the ugas from his own troubled past Toin offered Carol his help-even revealing, the dual adentity to her While it took Ms. Marrel cure to acknowledge her addiction, the was ble to compare in, un as whe had overcome many other mides un her life.



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Reed Richards and the Fantastic Four

Ion, Stark has found few men that equal or ourpass ms mitellect, hut Reed Ra hinth is one of them The founding force behind the unper Lumby of heroes known is the Tainstact Four, Keed the Esinstane Four's apper-middless Mr. Tainstary has formed a first friendship with Toniy, each respecting the other's scientific scheenerins. With names common auterosis in hinting a regular chees game, it's me surprise that the two Friends have come to each other's and in the lautsfelfeld as well Alomostich is wife So. Be Kanash (the hard and the start of the start of the start of the well Alomostich is wife So. Be Kanash (the

ass Invosible Woomsh, his brother-un-law Johnner Stoem (the hoshicacled Human Torch), and his old frend Ben Grunn (the irrepressible Thing), Mr. Fantanic, has used his elastic powers to help from Man many times. On one occasion from Man and the Fantanic Form squared of against a barrage of ministers on the streets of Tolsyo, Japan, a well as a many creature from another dimension. Timing and Reed were also both members of the type of the group factors as de Illimitation and provial players on the government's side during the C'vol War (see pp. 162–163).

Spider-Man

Possessing a currious scientific mind like Stark.
Peter Parker has always looked up to Tiom as a
role model and a mentor. Even when tighting
side by-side as Spider-Man and Iron Man, or
during their time on the same Super-Hero
team, the New Avengers, Spider-Man looks to
troat Man to its quadrace and advance.

Sharing many of the same mutual toes, such is the armored Beetle, the criminal mastermind Justin Hammer, and the poisonous Radioactive Mix. Mun, fron Man and Spider-Man have enumed a pin many times over the years. Stell by tude with the other New Avenners, they've faced down threats unth a Hydra dispellagingers and armost of deadly. Hand ming And as partners, they secutelled the likes of Radioscure Man, this Terrible Hinder, and Big Wheel Peter Parker even served at Tool vir tiple hand man before the complex source of the Super-Hero Cavil War to their transfullor.



Ka-Zar of the Savage Land

Over the years Iron Man has pured we to so in unlikely partners Perhaps one was more improbable than I ord Kes in Plunder, the jungle dwelling Ka-Zar Iron Man met up with Ka-Zar when the hero left in home in the lous world named the Savage I and, strated winewhere I in Artan tau, and journeed to the Avenigra's West Coast compound in California Touring Sha (Language Language I) and the grounds, contemplating life as a fully a travel in the proposal of the pro

ourprise when the Acoig of old enemy Fuser in an attempt to steal from Man's armor, attacked is the compound. Pitting his bases survival techniques against the high-tech arisenal of the Fuser, Ka-Zar, aptured the villain with a hitle hielp from Iron Man's mgenury. In more recent unios, Ka-Zar and his wife,

In more recent times, Ra-Zar and his wife, Shanna helped from Man tight the Skrull invasion when the Skrulls attempted to set up a base in the Savage Land

The Champions

A short-level team of unlikely alles, the Los Angeles-based Champons teamed with many betoes during their brief existence. Consisting of super-topy Black Widow, spirit of vengeance Choos Rader, former founding N-Men members Leman and Anuel, and the demissed Herviles, the Champions were a force to be frecking the Champions were a force to be recking the Manyion with the same consistency of the Champion and Champion should be also the force of the Manyion with the case of the Champion and the force of the Manyion and the Champion and the Manyion and force of the Manyion and the Manyion and the Manyion and the force of the Manyion and the Manyion and the Manyion and the force of the Manyion and the Manyion and the Manyion and the force of the Manyion and the Manyion and the Manyion and the force of the Manyion and the Manyion and the Manyion and the Manyion and the force of the Manyion and the Manyion and the Manyion and the Manyion and the force of the Manyion and the Manyion a

On one particular adventure, the team crosses paths with Iron Man while the Golden Avenger Los was busy battling his enemy MODOK on the sury west coast of Ameria. After: contacting his two former Averger colleagues, Black Widow en and Fiercules, from Man and the Champions set out to track down MODOK. Iron Man trialls discovered MODOK from Man trialls discovered MODOK inding place and, with the Champions by his fide, expelled exest enemy, drived, at the robot villain, seeningly finishing him once and for all





The Thunderbolts

Formers, the symmal Masters of Evol, the Thunderholis appeared on the scene after the Avengers disappeared following their battle with the mysterious creature called Oriolaught Winning the public's support before reevaling their formers buyer Villam adentities, formeties methoded Huzzard, Songfurd, Joli, Dystuck, Chaceal, Moonstone, Hessis, Alia, Speed Demon, and Radioactive Man) the Hundlerholis vernamed controversal figures in the munds of the Avengers upon that team's return from exist in a pocket dimension.

On one occasion, from Man manqueraded is the voltan known as the Cobalt Man morter led to influence the Thumberbooks' ranks. from Many deception was discovered by the Thumberbook and Moonstone, when the lost control of the was e. energy she posseed With the Aveogers' help Iron Man and the Thumberbook took down the crazed voltaness, Duringsthe C will War, from Man undired the Thumberbook to help track

Namor the Sub-Mariner

Ruling the underwater kingdom of Atlanus has done nothing for Namor the Sub-Marmer's modesty. With a hast-raigner temper and the orities strength to back it up. Namor has flap-flooped from here to william in the eyes of the publis, and their Super Hero protectors.

Nevertheless, Namor possesses his own unique and univerving monis Lode, which has led ham.

Oil to partnering with from Main from time to une the both have been members of the Aveneurs.

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On one occasion, Namor put humelt

ea a odds with the Golden Avenger after

the sea lang's recleves actions recidentally
knocked a passenger plane out of the sky
Realizing that Namor's cantrum was caused
by the activates of the currupt Rower

Olf company, from Man jound forces with
the Adamous and helped him destroy the
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OTHER IRON MEN

There have been times when Yony Stark has reluctantly stepped down and allowed other men and wemen to take up the Iron Man mantle.



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WOLVERINE

When hunting down the super criminal known as Mitro, the villain responsible for the destruction of the town of Stamford, Connecticut, Wolverine eafled upon his New Avenger teamomate inne Man for help. Borrowing a sult of Tony's hydro armor, Volverine was able to travel to the ocean floor to the ancient city of Atlantia, in order to see to it that Nitro was brought to justice.



- The only child of wealthy arms manufacturer Howard Stark and his wife Mate, Tory, is raised in a measion neighboring New York City's Central Park. His father's shirt discipline and alcohol abuse turns Tory into a quiet, withdrawn child.
- To escape his family's troubles. Tony becomes fascinated with his eractor set and builds a toy iron Man.
- At age seven, Tony is sent away to boarding school—an attempt by his father to "toughen" him up.
- Finding it difficult to relate to other children, Tony escapes into the realms of science fiction and Thomas Mallory's tales of King Arthur, and his Knights of the Round Table.
- A child prodigy, Tony enrolls at MIT at age 15, double majoring in physics and engineering and studying under many esteemed professors, including Ted Slaught,
- Tony begins dating Meredith McCell, his first serious relationship.
- Tony begins work for his father at Stark Industries. He doesn't take the job very seriously, preferring the Me of a millionaire playboy.
- While driving to Long listend from a function in the city, Howard and Maris Stark lose control of their fuxury section overlig to a brake fallary secretly engineered by a group of compt industry competitors who ewould go on to form Roscon OII. Howard and Maris are both killed in the wreck, leaving the appearantly inseponsible Tony in charge of their ontile estate.
- As his first act as head of Stark Industries, Tory buye the manufacturer of his parental car and fixes the design flew that caused their supposed accident.
- Tony promotes secretary Pepper Potts to be his executive assistant after the alert young women corrects an oversight when typing up papers for a government contract, saving the company over a half million dollars.
- As Tony founders as head of Stark Industries, Pepper takes one more and more of his responsibilities.
- Tony and his girlfriend, Joanna Nivene, become engaged.
- On a fry to Afghanistan as a consultant to the US milliary, Tory is equipped in equipment of the Os milliary from the content of the one company's land milliary which iterative the content of the one of the
- Still clad as Iron Man, Tony meets pilot Jim Bhodes and the twohelp each other secace enemy territory, finally returning to a US base.

Back in the US, Tony wears his life-sering Iron Man chest pletto to survive, but makes it thinner and more compact. He also develops all way to store the auth of amon' in his briefcase. He decides to confliue as Iron Men to combat of this, but leage he dual kiteritity a sacret, amouncing that Iron Men in his bodyquard and stark industries.



- Tony reveals his double life to his flencés Joanna Nivens. The twopert whigh Joanna realizes that Tony's calling as a Super Hero will interfere with a normal family home life.
- After wreating escaped tions at a circus as fron Man, Tony paints his emor gold, realizing that his gray armor fronters the public.
- When testing his "Stark Special" racecar, Tony crashes and is pulled from the wreckage by former boxer Happy Hogan. Tony files Happy as his chauffeur, and the two become fast friends.
- The villain Jack Frost attacks Stark industries, rebeiling against his own employer.
- Fron Man Joins Ant-Man, the Wasp, Thor, and the Hulk to form the Avengers to thwart the trickery of Thor's evil brother, Loki. The team's headquarters is the Manhattan mension that was Tony's childhood home.
- Iron Man battles Professor Vanko, the Crimson Dynamo, convincing the villain to defect to the US and work for Stark Industries.
- Bruno Horgen attacks Stark industries as the Melter after the military contracts weepons from Stark Industries Instead of his own; company,
- Tony constructs a new red and gold Iron Man suit out of lighter material to help him defeat the villainous Mr. Doll.
- Iron Man heads to China at the beheat of the US government and first battles the Mandarin.
- After a falled robbery, the contortionist known as the Scarecrowflees to Cubs to escape fron Man.
- The Avengers unearth Captain America and add him to their ranks.
- Tony has a fling with the Soviet spy known as the Black Widowbefore learning of her treachery and folling her schemes.
- . Iron Man streamlines his "homed" helmet into a rounded shabili-
- Iron Man fights the Unicorn when the villein decides to pit his strength against the hero.
- Black Widow returns to plague fron Man, this time with marksman?
 Hawkeye in tow as her love-struck partner;
- After besting the villain known as the Saboteur who was out to ruin Stark industries' government contracts, Tony linally devotes himself fully to his company, to the relief of the overworked Pepper Potts.
- Iron Man quits the Avengers, yet remains their main financial supporter. He also backs reformed villain Hawkeys for team membership.
- I fron Man bests the communist Titanium Man in a televised fight for national pride. During the epic battle, Happy Hogan reveals that he has deduced fron Man's double identity.
- Tony Stark helps found the government super spy agency SHIELD: and is instrumental in recruiting Nick Fury as its director.
- The Mandarin discovers the alien android Ultimo and unleashes the 25-foot-tell behemoth on Iron Man.
- Pepper Potts and Happy Hogan get married.
- Whiptean aluge it out with Iron Men for the first time, and lights the hero to a standalil.

- · Tony begins a romance with Janice Cord.
- Iron Man faces a batch of new threats, including Madama Masque, Mordecal Midas, and the Controller:
- When Iron Man suffers a heart attack in bettle, Dr. Jose Santinitransplants a synthetic heart into Tony's cheet, freeing the hero from dependency on his Iron Man cheet plate.
- Boxer Eddie March staps in as fron Man when Tony retries. When Eddie suffers a severe injury at the hands of a new Orimson Dynamo, Tony returns as fron Man, fighting the Crimson Dynamo in a battlethat costs Janice Cord her life:
- . The political activist Firebrand first comes into conflict with fron Man.
- The original Spymaster and his Explonage Elite attack Stark-Industries, taking Tony Stark hostage.
- Tony creates the Guardaman armor for engineer Kevin O'Brien,
 but the armor causes O'Brien to go Insene, and attack Tony's newgirlifiend Marianne Rodgers, fron Man accidentally kills O'Brien In a
 later skirmish.
- Iron Man fights atongside the Avengers in the Kree/Struil War. He leter forms the litumineti elongside Mr. Fantastic, Namor, Professor X.
 Dr. Strange, and Black Bolt in order to prevent such conflicts recurring in future.
- Tony changes the name of his company to Stark international to better reflect his role in the global marketpiace. He abendons his work in micros in favor of the more beneficial innovations of electronics development.
- Jack Frost returns as the criminal Bilizzard.
- Michael O'Brien, the brother of the original Guerdemen, investigates his brother Kevin's death and eventually takes up his mentile after briefly poeing as Iron Men.
- Jim Rhodes, Bethany Cabe, and Bambi Arbogast all come to work at Stark International.
- · Justin Hammer wages war on Stark's business.
- With Iron Men framed for murder, Tony undergoes training by:
 Captain America in martial arts and other flohting techniques:
- Although Tony manages to ecope Hammer's clutches, the street
 of the ongoing skirmleh and the threat of a hostile company takeover
 drive Tony to drink.
- With the help of his budding romance with Bethany Cabe. Tonymanages to lock his drinking habit and recisim his life.
- fron Man tries out his first armor varietion, his space armor, while
 investigating an orbiting Roscon satellite.
- Inclustrialist Edwin Cord orders the Raiders to attack Iron Men, and is jailed.
- Dr. Doom and Iron Man travel back to the time of King Arthur and the Knighta of the Round Table.
- Iron Man uses his new steelth armor to invade a top-secret Esergenean research complex resulting in an ongoing feud with the villainous Living Laser.
- Obadish Stane begins a hostile takeover of Stark International setting his sights on destroying Iron Man white simultaneously scheming to return Tony Stark to the bottle.









- → Pilot Jim Rinodes tales over Tony Stark's duties as iron Man while Tony roams the New York City streets, reduced to little more than a penniless vegrant.
- Obsclish Stane takes over Stark International, renaming it Stane friemational.
- ₱ Iron Men Jim Phodes is transported to Battleworld with many other hieroes to light at the whitn of the mysterious Beyonder. There his annor is sugmented by fellow hero Mr. Fantastic.
- After befriending a homeless pregnant woman and saving her sonts

 We. Tony becomes soler soein.
- Tony and a few klande move to California and create a new company called Orouts Maximus.
- Iron Man battles the selemic-powered Vioro
- . As Iron Man, Jim Rhodes joins the West Coast Avengers.
- When his new company is destroyed by Stane, Tony Stark done new eliver armor and reclaims his title as fron Man, fron Man stracks Stane, who has designed his own fron Monger battleault, and, defeats him. Stane takes his own life.
- Tony sets up a new company called Stark Enterprises
- Iron Man done his underwater armor for the first time when searching for chemical weapons at the bottom of the ocean;
- The Ghost attacks a new subsidiary of Stark Enterprises, bringing,
 In linto conflict with Iron Man for the first time.
- Tony three reformed vision from and discovers his new employees armor contains scleen Starts components. The prompts hor Near to emberk on a renegade mission, dubbed the Armor Were, to destroy all of his technology that has been appropriated by other hands over the years.
- Tony's extreme actions in the Armor Wers leed to Iron Men being locked out of the Avengers and Tony creeting a new Iron Men suit.
- The emotionally disturbed Kathy Dare becomes obsessed with Tony Stark and shoots and paralyzes him. Tony employs an experimental microchip to regain the ability to welk.
- Iron Man faces manipulation and control from outside forces along with the revenge of a more powerful Living Laser in the second Armor Wars.
- Tony travels to China in an attempt to find a ours for his worsening spinal condition and instead encounters the Manderin and Fin Fang-Foom in the Dragon Seed Saga,
- Iron Man Joins with the Avengers to fight in Operation: Galactic
 Storm during an interstellar war between the Kree and the Shi'ar
- Undergoing experimental treatment to cure his alling condition.
 Tony takes his own death, promoting Jim Rhodes to CEO of Standenterprises and once again into the position of Iron Man.
- Tony is successfully revived, prompting Rhodes, sick of being kept in the dark, to angrily quit his employ. Rhodes adopts the War Machine identity and embarks on his own orims fighting career.

 Iron Man employs his Hulk-Busier error during a right with an intelligent Hulk regarding the destruction of a factory that products general ray borries.

 The West Coast Avengers disband, allowing Tony to form his own team of beroes, Force Works.

 Tony Stark and Jim Rhodes put aside their personal differences during a battle with the Wenderin.

 Tony is corrupted by the forces of immortus in the guise of Kang, the Conquercrand goes on a liding agree in service of his new reaster. This prompts the other Avengers to treast back in time.
 seek the aid of a young Tony Stark.

 In a final repment of herolem, the older Tory Spirit secrifices his life to help defeat Keng and his alifer. The young Tory decides to carry on his duties as iron Man in the present.

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 Onelsuight, in reality, the heroes are transported to an alternate, pocket dimension.

 fron Men returns to his rightful dimension as an adult, weering a new suit of Iron Men armor.

 With the merger of Stark Enterprises and Fujikawa Industries occurring in Tony's absence, Tony decides to start a new proactive subsidiary called Stark Solutions.

 Iron Man joins a new incarnation of the Avengers with a familier classic roster after an epic battle with Morgan le Fay.

 Tony meets Rumiko Fujikawa when fighting a new version of Flightrand on a tropical island, and the two begin dating.

 When his reputation is destroyed by Tiberius Stone, Tony Starkgives his fortune to the Avengers and the Maria Stark Foundationstid begins life answess computer tech Hogen Polits.

Jon Man dogs a serviced model from Man will will be a Askew Labs.

 Tony reclaims his fortune and, with Rumiko's help, reclaims his original company as well. He also adopts a new suit of armor.

• Iron Man decides to go public with him dust it will be about to be hit by a out.

 Tony done magic Thor-Buster armor for the first time during a conflict with the thunder god on foreign soll.

 When he discovers that several of his designs are being employed by the US government without his permission, Tony decides to requisite their use by becoming the US Secretary of Defense.

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the mentally imbalanced Scarlet Witch, Tony needing from his convenient sealition in classification.

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- The Averages officially debend after their ranks are decimated by the magic abilities of the Scarlet Witch:
- With the hule of his old filand Mays Hensen, Yery applies experimental Externic technology to his Iron Man armor, allowing him to tink disorby into the Iron Man aut and other machinery with his

After a breakout at the meanum holding facility linburh as the Piels, from Man later with assess other harous to form the New Avenders.

mind, and making him more powerful then ever.

The Scarlet Witch alters reality completely so that mutanta are they dominant apacies, forcing fron Man and other harces to topple here new recime and realizes the world to normal.

Iron Man becomes a mentor figure to Spicier Man and minimum the hero his own suit of armor dubbed the Iron Spicier.

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Happy Hogen is killed fighting the Spymaster, leaving Peoper Potters
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Iron Man is promoted to Director of SHIELD and instigutes the PN/SISte hitlatte, a program that installs a Super-Haro team is every state, from Man oversees a team of new Mighty Avengere, white assigning Papper Potts to oversee the California-based premier team of new blood called the Orter.

Exited in outer space by the illuminati, the Hulk returns and declares wer on Super Herose. Iron Man battles him and helps the herose triumph by employing eatelite technology.

 Ezeklei Stane, son of Tony's former arch-foe Obadish Stane, steele; and upgrades Stark technology and wages war on Iron Man and hiscompanies, severely injuring Pepper Potts.

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 Earth falls violim to a fleoret invesion led by the alien shape-childrin called the Skulls. During the devastating war, all Stark technology is rendered inert by the eliene, including Tony's Extremie technology.

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1960s

The decade that saw from Man's creation also ushered in his most loyal friends and many of his most fearsome adversaries.

Iron Man was just trying to find his piace in the world. The result of the marriage of two popular comic book mediums, science fiction and Super Herces, Iron Man debuted in the pages of Marvel Comics' Tales of Suspense 439 in March 1903. From the start, Forny Stark was thrown into the newer-ending battle for popularity and page count. First sharing his title with other short science-fiction stories, and later with Capitain America, Iron Man finally proved popular enough to be granted a solo title after Tales ended with issue 499.

Before making the loap to his own comic, fron Man costarred in a stand-alone special issue entitled fron Man & Irle Sub-Marinor #1 in April 1988. Featuring a story centinued from Tales of Suspense #89 and continuing in tran Man #1 the following month, this special served as a way to lauron the individual series of both characters, while perhaps combining the characters' respective fans. No matter the method, five years after his debut in Tales of Suspense #39, fron Man was finally standing on solid ground in the pages of his own comic.

And it was a good thing, too, because Iron Man's overgrowing supporting cast needed all the room they could muster. Not only had Tales introduced Tony's lifetong friends Happy Hogan and Pepper Potts, but Iron Man had also battled classic roques like the Mandarin, the Crimson Dynamo, and Whiplash. Iron Man's early years also saw the debut of future fam-favorite herees, Blasst Wildow and Hawkeye.



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TALES OF #48 SUSPENSE

"And now, though Mr. Doll won the first round in his battle with the old Iron Man... he's liable to find the new Iron Man a far more difficult foe to beat!"

IRON MAN

MAIN CHARACTERS: Iron Man; Mr. Doll
SUPPORTING CHARACTERS: Pepper Potts; Happy
Hogan; Charleton Carter; a Stark Industries security
guard; New York City police officers
LOCATIONS: Stark Industries, Long Island,
New York; Charleton Carter's mansion

BACKGROUND

As Iron Man's popularity grew, so did the length of his stories. By the end of his debut year, Iron Man's comies had grown from 13 pages to 18-paged "feature length" tales A few guest artists helped with the increased workload, including Steve Dirko, who stopped by for

a three-issue visit. Dirko was famous for co-creating and drawing Peter Parker, the amazing Spider-Man, so it made sense that, just a year after the debut of Mr. Parker's impressive duds, he was asked to pencil the first from Man issue featuring Tony Stark's new look.

This wasn't Iron Man's first costume change As early as his second appearance, in Tales of Stopenes #40. Iron Man had realized that his armor needed to appear less threatening to the public. He coated his suit in gold paint, turning himself into a modern-day knight in shining armor. Later, the red and gold look that Steve Dikko ushered in with

Tales #48 slimmed down the previously bulky suit, creating perhaps the most iconic version of the Iron



The Story...

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"I've got a little gadget here which is going to change all your evil plans..."



CAPTAIN

He's a living symbol of freedom, and America's sentinel of Liberty. Captain America is a man Tony Stark has always wanted as a friend, but all too often faced as an enemy.





MEETING THE OVENGERS

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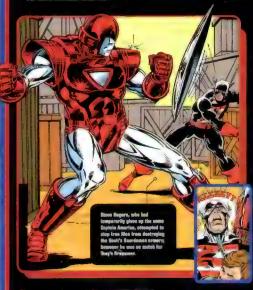
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ARMOR WARS

Everyone Captain America ever know was either extremely old, or buried in the ground. So naturally, the Avengers became his closest friends. Both sharing strong moral. values. Cap and Iron Man instantly hit it off, but their friendship would be called into question time and time again. One of the most testing times in their relationship occurred during Iron Man's so-called "Armor Wars."Tony broke laws and betreved other heroes attempting to destroy all of his technology that had fallen into other people's hands. Captain America took issue with the extreme methods his friend was employing. After trying to persuade Stark to give up his crusade, Cam felt he had no choice but to stop his old friend when Iron Man broke into a government installation, the Vanit prison.









Iron Man weeds special armor to deal with the threat posed by the Hulk-whether he's facing the gray, green or red incornations of the gamma-spawned goliath.



ENTER THE AVENGERS

All the Hulk wanted was to be alone, instead he unwittingly helped found the mightlest Super Hero teum of all time. Tricked by the Norse good of miscritef, Loki, into batting Iron Man, Ant-Man, the Wasp, and Thor, the Hulk later joined with the heroes, who called themselves the Avengers. However, the Hulk guit the team: during their next adventure, realizing that the other Avengers clidn't fully trust him.





ARMOR ADAPTATIONS

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GAMMA ARMOR If there's one quality that Tony

Stark is famous for, it's his determination to go above and beyond the call of duty. So when the US government asked him to create a radiation-proof suit, Tony devised a new Iron Man design that not only withstood the fellout from a normal nuclear device, but could withstand the radiation created by a gamma bomb, such as the one that birthed the incredible Hulk. Tearning with Bruce Banner, Stark then developed a new gammaresistant suit that withstood





HULKBUSTER!

When the Bulk stormed Stark Enterprises, from Man armed himself with a few new attackments for his modular armor. With his Bulkhuster goar in place, from Man battled the Green Goliath until he realized that the Bulk was actually in the right for once.

A captain of industry and the major weapons supplier to the US government. Tony Stark had gainted a bright target on both his business and its heroic mascot, Iron Man.

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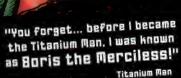


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While wearing his stealth armor, Iron Man tackled the Crimson Dynamo on his home turf in Siberia





DRAGON SFFD

During a battle in an ancient valley in China, the Mandarin unwittingly helped unleash an army of dragons upon the world. By combining their powers, Iron Man and the Mandarin were able to defeat the alien creatures, but at the cost of the Mandarin's hands.



CULTURE CLASH

MANDARIN Repaired by first and empowered by first



energy—energy he manipulates in his tireless compaign for world conquest.

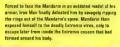
"There is nothing stronger than the will of the eternal flesh... even your beloved technology is not immune." The Mandarin

ELUSIVE MASTERMIND

RINGS OF POWER

EVAL UTIONARY PURGE

Freed from his cell and with his ancient rings returned to him the Mandarin once amin returned to his quest for power. After he arranged to have his rings surgically implanted into his spine, the now white-haired warlord created a new identity for himself as Tem Boriigin, CEO of Prometheus Gentech, Inc. In this new position of power, the Mandarin manipulated the brilliant scientist Maya Hansen, an old friend of Tony Stark's into creating an airborne version of the Extremis virus. The Mandarin planned to unleash this plague in order to force millions of people up the evolutionary ladder, regardless of the cost of billions of innocent lives. When Maya unwittingly informed the government of the Mandarin's plans, Iron Man learned of his archenemy's scheme, and rushed to Borilein's Nebraska operation.



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TALES OF #62 SUSPENSE

"Yes, I walked proud! For I was the Mandarin! The blood of the Khans flowed in my veins! The world would one day be mine!"

THE BARNDABIN

MAIN CHARACTERS: Iron Man (Tony Stark); Mandarin SUPPORTING CHARACTERS: Mandarin's mother: father: aunt: and palace servants; Chinese government officials; villagers; military officers; Axxon-Karr; US military pilots

LOCATIONS: Mandarin's castle; Mandarin's family palace; an unnamed village; the Valley of Spirits; an unnamed military base (all in China)

BACKGROUND

Tony Stark was in danger of losing the spotlight. When Tales of Suspense once again shifted formats with issue 59, the feature-length stories Iron Man was enjoying once again shrank to mere 13-page tales. It seemed that Captain America, the recently restored icon from the days of World War II, was starting to step on the Golden Avenger's toes by sharing his hard-earned title with him. But what fan could argue with two top-tier characters for the price of one?

And it was those self-same fans who would be instrumental in bringing about the landmark 62nd issue of Tales. With few villams making repeat appearances in Iron Man's early comics, there was little doubt that the mysterious Mandarin had claimed the role of Iron Man's arch enemy. As a result, fans were growing curious as to the origin of this exotic, enigmatic foe, and wrote in requesting information about the villain's origin. After a reported 500 fans demanded

the character's back-story, Stan Lee and company finally gave in and the rest was history. For the

Mandarın, at least.



The Story...

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"...the wheel... will never stop until Iron Man breathes no mere."



Her family's legacy of crime cost Whitney Frost her beauty and her sanity. But it was Tonu Stark who stole away her heart.

WHITNEY FROST

up spolled, both by her adop father, Byron Frost, and later by her fisnes, lewyer Roger Vens But when Byron died, Whitney overed that she was actually the daughter of renowned cano liges and Avenger foe Count Lushino Neteria, When Neteria introduced himself in order to coerce his daughter into a life of crime, Whitney rushed to Vene's side for support, but found he will more concerned with his ews image than the we of his flenose.



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Whitney plunged into a life of crime as gang boss Blg M. to please her father. Count Defaria







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MIND SWAP

A risk-taker all his life. Tonu Stark has always been attracted to troubled women like Madame Masaue.



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IRON MAN &

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The mammoth SHIELD belicarrier has a commanding presence, even to Iron Man, one of the vehicle's priginal designers.

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As one of its founders, Iron Man has a vested interest in the affairs of the Strategic Hazard Intervention Espionage Logistics Directorate.





THE 1970s

It was an era that established Iron Man as an icon, and invested the character of Tony Stark with a depth rarely seen in comic books.

The decade began with fron Man giving up his auper heroic identity, and ended with him nearly giving up on life itself. With the relative security of a successful monthly title, the Marvel staff, namely writer Archie Goodwin and artist George Tuske, decided to tirrow their audience a curveball and have fron Man rotire from his life of fighting crime. Worried about his health, Tony passed on his mantist to boxer Eddie March. However, Eddie would carry on Tony's legacy for only a few issues before his own medical complications brought the rightful fron Man back to his super heroic life.

And for Earth's sake it was probably just as well that Tony had returned. Because the Avengers were soon entangled in the alien conflict that tamously became known as the Kres/Skrull War. In a story of epic proportions that paved the way for the giant crossover events of years to come, fron Man defended the planet with the help of the Avengers and the imagination of their teenage sidekick, Rick Jones.

While the 1970s sew iron Man's title hit its landmark. 100th issue, and the debut of Tony's close friend and pilot Jim Rhodes some 18 issues later, porhaps the most historic contribution to the from Man story came from writer David Michellinie and artist Bob Layton in 1979. A partnership that ushered in what is still regarded by many fans is from Man's heyday, Michellinie and Layton introduced Tony to the most deadly foe to ever plague his existence; sicohol. In one fell swoop, Iron Man went from being a cookie-outter playboy here, to a tortured man with flaws and personal demons.



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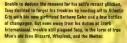
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BOTTLE





Landing in Monaco, Stark and Rhodey atumbled upon a band of Hammer's merceneries out for blood. Taken captive despite Captain America's buining, Tony found himself a prisoner on board Justin Hemmer's floating listere's hereality arriver. The or estimate lister rmiterare trabustralisi has vapraenad to be a major business competitor of Tony Blaric's. Hemmer had been menipulating Tony's life, elming to push his rive? over the edge. He had even gone so far as to hack into Iron Men's controls and Idli Ambassador Kotznin, Escaping from his cell, Tony changed into a spere fron Man suit and, with the help of Bethany and Rhodey, managed to sink Hammer's leland for good,

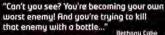


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help from Bethany, Finding himself unable to concentrate on design work-which he usually found relaxing......Tony poured himself a drink. He then headed off to meet Ambassador Kotznin as Iron Marr in a televised ceremony. But when he greeted the dignitery on stage, from Marte repulsor beam auddenly werst off, instantly killing the official.

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#128

"I feel like I've just taken life's best shot, and I'm still standing. And somehow, my other problems don't seem so tough anymore."

THOSY STARS

MAIN CHARACTERS: Iron Man (Tony Stark);
Bethany Cabe; Edwin Jarvis
SUPPORTING CHARACTERS: Alexander Van
Tilberg; Mrs. Whiggins; Mr. Benchley
LOCATIONS: Stark International; a railroad
crash site (both Long Island, New York); a social
gala; Alexander Van Tilberg's home and office;
Avengers Mansion; Rockefeller Plaza (all New
York City)

BACKGROUND

David Michelinie and Bob Layton had just put Tony Stark through the proverbial wringer, and the fais loved them for it. Alongside artist John Romita Jr., the plotting team of Michelinie and Layton had introduced a string of characters and a creative direction that remains one of the high points of Iron Mau's lengthy career. With new supporting characters such as pilot Jim Rhodes and complex love interest Bethany Cabe helping to flesh out Stark's social circle, and the machinations of crime hos fustin Hammer. Iron Man's world had never been

richer. In a few months, Tony Stark had battled the Sub-Mariner, been framed for murder, undergone training by Captain America, and fought a virtual who's who of second and third tier rogues

But Michelinie and Layton were just getting started. Looming behind the scenes was Fony's increasing reliance on alcohol. He was reaching a crossroads, and his inner turnioil would lead to one of the most eye-opening and topical comic books of its day.



The Storu...

As Tony Stark's alcoholism logies to interfere with his daties on Iron Illen, the home is forced to confront his addiction with the help of his loving girffriend, Enthany Cale.

Tony Stark's life had reached a new low. One of his oldest allies, the covertments agency known as SHIELD, was attempting a hostle takeover of Stark inter Only a few measty shares kept Stark's lifework from elipping through his linguis and into the hands of the government. To make matters worse, in his other identific as iron Men. Tony had been framed for murder, forced to idli an innocent dictomat with his own iron hands when remotely controlled by corrupt businessman Justin Hemmer. With the stress of his troubles building up to new levels, and a men's life on his conscience, Tony had begun to rely on alcohol to help relieve the extreme tensions in his life (1). And this new dependency in turn caused the resignation of his longtime servant Edwin Jarvis, driving Tony even further into the

bottle. Tony Stark's life needed a drestic change, but unfortunately for him, Tony hadn't realized this yet.

Bisming all his troubles on his divilian life, the fairly intoxicated Blank decided to don his armor and give his fron Man persons a chance to shine. But that wouldn't be quite the case, instead, he quite literally flew through his office window (2) before flying a elightly erretic peth to the tracks of a nearby wreck on the Long Island Railroad (3). There, in an etternot to help the rescue workers, Iron

lan's carelessness accidentally resulted in a gas tanker springing a leak (4), forcing a massive evecuation. Even as Iron Men. Tony Stark was a failure (5).

Tony returned home to his plush penthouse, and to his familier gless-topped bar. But as he poured himself a drink, Tony Stark felt a hand on his arm (6), the hand of Bethany Cabe, Tony's new girlfrend. She hed een the signs, and knew Tony need girlfrend. She hed een the signs, and knew Tony needed help, swan if he didn't realize it. Bethany hed eeen it all before: her late husband, Alexander Van Tilberg, had let the pressures of his job as a foreign ambassador turn him into an addict. He relied on pills to keep him awake, put him to sleep, or just help him eccape. One feteful night, those same pills had seemingly caused him to lose control of his car and drive it off a bridge. So Betheny told Tony the story of her husband, and Tony Stark finally admitted that he truly needed help.

For the next few days and nights, Bethany stayed by Tony's side. Through his amotional outbursts, file of race and frustration, Bethany stuck with him, until Tony felt he was ready to regain control of his life. And his first step toward that goel, was persuading his faithful butter, Jarvis, to return to his service.

After a bit of convincing, Jarvis agreed to stay on at Avengers. Wanelon, but there was one complication. Jarvis had recently experienced some financial problems and had sold his two shares in Stark International to Mr. Benchley, a loan shark out to make a guick buck. Taking action as Iron Man, Tony flew to Benchley's Rockefeller Plaza office (7) and attempted to buy back Jervis's shares, only to discover that SHIELD had beet him to the punch, and was now the majority shareholder of Tony's company,

Defeated once more. Tony returned home and once sgain, went straight to his bar (a). But as he was about to pour a glass of whickey, he stopped himself. He realized that his relationship with Bethany and a life without alcohol were what he truly desired. He put the cap back on the bottle 48. And set out once seein to win his life back (16).













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Tony Stark had never heard of the business

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It was past business to Justin Hammer. The owner of Hammer Routines, the company bained cleaning of Hammer Routines, the company bained cleaning of Immalier aubsticatives and Front operations. Hammer was wealthy beyond most people's disease, but he wested more. Operating from a secure floating vide in the Mediterranee, Hammer-targeted Stark Inclusivies - the believed that Stark was taking business from this various companies, on he hatched an adobtorate pier to ensure that Stark Inclusivies.

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DOCTOR DOOM

A scientific genius who uses his incredible intelligence for personal gain and conquest, Victor van Doom serves as a corrupt version of Iron Man, complete with a suit of armor that rivals even Tony Stark's technology.







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The face of comics was changing, but Iran Man, no stranger to evolution, was one step ahead of the pack.

The 1990s began in familiar territory, but they would end in uncharted waters. Little by little, comics were beginning to grow up. Mature themes were creeping into the daily struggles of Super Herces and their respective villains. Conventions such as thought baltoons and heavily-narrated caption boxes were slowly disappearing, and threat levels were being raised. Nowever Iran Man, a comic book that had already dealt with the issue of alcoholism and the ethics of weapons manufacturing, continued to push the boundaries by taking an even harder look at subjects it had only touched upon earlier.

Writer Dennis O'Nell threw Tony back into alcohol addiction and this time offered him no easy outs. In a radical move for the time, O'Nell actually replaced the Golden Avenger en a permanent basis. Jim Rhodes became the new Iren Man, while Tony wasted his life away at the bottom of a bottle. Fans were hooked, and while they argued on letters pages and at comic book conventions about who deserved to wear the mantle of Iron Man, other industry professionals took note. In the following decade, similar "replacement" storylines would be attempted with almost every major comic-book charactor, including Superman, Satman, Spider-Man, and Wonder Woman.

By the end of the 1980s, the birth of the comic beet, store and the limited mini series changed the tace of the comic industry, allowing for finer print quality and direct distribution. Comios were heading towards a burst of popularity, and from Man was proparing to branch out.



OVERLEAF from Men #2005 Even leon Men's friends in the West Coast Avengers were Impressed by his silver centurion sull, just one of many different. ANEW ERA!



With his best friend Jim Rhodes missing and his company lesing valuable contracts to Obadiah Stone's European outfits. Tony Stark was finding it hard to resist a prowing desire to turn to drink once again.

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Americanian. With nowhere tell to turn. Tony hit the factile once more.

> "WHO DID THIS TO ME? WHO PUT THIS ...

ALCOHOL RELAPSE



OFF THE WAGON

The mighty had fallen yet again. Obadiah Stane's devious chess game had taken its toll on Tony's state of mind, and he'd ended upjust where the scheming villain had: wanted him to be: with a drink In his sheking hend. Tony's first bender lad to a pointiess and violent conflict with the misunderstood hero Machine Man. Tony couldn't conquer his demons and instead of addressing his company's current financial plight, he hid himself away in his Manhattan penthouse with a few battles of his lavorite poison for. company,



THE DESCENT

Tony Stark was at the end of his tether, but Obadiah Stane ween't going to let up now. Brokenhearted and defeated for Tony one night of drinking bled into the next. Even the safe return home of his friend Jim Phodes did little to lift Tony out of his self-imposed funk. Tony's drinking was becoming so severe that he began to have trouble piloting the Iron Man suit. When circumstances forced Rhodey to wear the armor intobattle on one occasion. Tony barely noticed that another man was taking

over the role he'd previously protected with his life. Tony Stark was just a shedow of the man he used to be, and the real problem was, he didn't seem to care. As Jim Rhodes took over the Iron Man identity on a more regularbasis, Tony began to surround himself with enablers, other rich socialities who sew nothing unusual in choosing to escape the perceived pressures of their pampered lives with drugs or sloohol. But soon Tony's drinking became too much even by his new peers' standards, and the former idol of millions was reduced to little more than a drunken begger wandering the streets of Manhattan. Tony Stark had truly hit rock bottom, and only he could claw himself out of the hole he had dug for himself.

HEY ISSUE



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#182 #182

"What am I celebrating? A very, very good question. If I had to give an answer, I'd say... I'd say I'm celebrating the end. The living end. The end of living."

MAIN CHARACTERS: Tony Stark; Gretl Anders; Timothy Anders; Iron Man (Jim Rhodes) SUPPORTING CHARACTERS: New York City police; Thor; Captain America; Hawkeye; Captain Marvel; Morely Erwin

LOCATIONS: A pawnshop, St. Vincent's Hospital; a graveyard, Central Park; Morely Erwins' apartment (all New York City)

BACKGROUND

By the mid-1980s, Dennis O'Neil was a pronument figure in the comic writing world. He had helped bring DC Comics? Batman back to his dark roots in the 1970s and had achieved great acclaim for his mature storytelling and subject matter in a medium still primarily targeted towards youth.

> When O'Neil took over writing Iron Man for a lengthy run of nearly 50 issues, it came as no surprise to readers that he threw Tony Stark's world on its end. Through the machinations of a

new villam. Obadah Stane, O'Neil reduced Stark once again to a desperate alcoholic, showcasing the gritty reality behind his disease. And this time there would be no easy out for Tony Stark... After O'Neil's groundbreaking story.

After O Neils groundbreaking story, which culiniared in sive #182. Stark would find it impossible to shelve his lingering addiction, and would live out his life haunted by his past weaknesses and failures.

The Story....

Reduced to little more than a humalous developt, Tony Stark treetyes three structs of Moor Yark City in a sequetarin, farced to althor ouncomb to his inner demons or rise above them.

It was one of the worst blizzards New York City had ever seen, and Tony of alcohol in his belly to keep him warm, Tony's life had been reduced to a pathetic mentra: find Greti. She was his drinking partner and his only friend since he had begun to live on the streets. Plus she was nine months pregnant and probably caught in the same atorm he was. He had to find her. But as he drained the last drop from his bottle (1). Tony realized that he also had to find another drink.

Wandering into a rather unwelcoming pawnshop, Tony traded his coat for a mere ten dollars (2). He went back out into the snow, walking past a cheep hotel in fevor of ducking into the nearest liquor store (3). There he spent his last few dollars and headed out into the cold, content to lean up against a nearby building and die. And that's when Grett found him. And she was ready to have her baby.

Tony's first thought was to get his friend to a hospital. But it was too far away, and the storm was too fierce. Instead the twoducked into a nearby doprway, and fluiddled together for warmth 56. As Tony continued to drink, Greti began to go into labor, finally giving birth to a baby boy (6). But the pain and the cold proved too much for the frail woman. As Tony wanned her child ineicle his suit iscket. Gretl died in his arms.

Torry probably would have died too if the police hadn't wandered by the next morning, finding him still huddled in the doorway, holding the still-breathing child (6). Both Tony and the infent were taken to nearby \$t. Vincent's hospital. Greti was buried, just another forgotten casualty of the New York City streets.

A few hours later in Central Park, a strange structure seemingly appeared out of nowhere. Suddenly, from inside it, a parade of costumed heroes emptied out onto the earth below (7), happy to be touching familiar soil once more. From Captain America to Hawkeve to Iron Man himself the heroes departed the strange vessel and went their separate ways. their adventure on the planet known as Battleworld finally at a close. As fron Man, in the berson of Jim Rhodes, was still fairly new to the Super of advanced armor. Teeting his new suit's firepower on a nearby hill (6), Rhodey residued that the armor was much too powerful, and decided to pay a visit to his technical advisor.

Morley Erwin. After learning from Erwin that Tony Stark was hospitalized earlier that day, Rhodey flew to St. Vincent's to pay his old friend a visit. As the new Iron Man loomed over the injured body of his predecessor (9), Tony awoke, telling Rhodey that he had come to an epiphany, and he was finally ready to straighten out his situation. Seeing firsthand how precious life truly was, Tony was determined to end his nightmere. He was ready to start his life over, even if he ween't guite prepared to don the Iron Mait armor again.

A day perced, and then a week. Tony Stark was released from the hospital. He walked down the city streets with a new outlook on life, at a proserceds that could take him virtually anywhere he wished to go (14).



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"HE WANTS TO BE IRON MAN AGAIN. I WILL NOT LET HIM!" James Rhodes

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ignoring the protests of his son.



subsequently lost all his hair.



"ANTHONY STARK. THIS MOMENT WITH ME







that Tony was truly his superior, Bladish Stane chose to kill himself rather then face the consequences of his actions.

Original Team

The first roster of the West Coast Avengers included the ionic Wender Men, former SHIELD agent Mockingbird, her huebend the archer Hawkeye, the feline Tigra, and Iron Man Jim Rhodee Rhodey was Tony Stark, his predecessor as fron Many











AVENGERS



The Avenuers were Earth's mightiest heroes, but even they couldn't be everywhere at once. In a world where threats could strike from any direction, the West Coast Avengers assembled to guard America's other coast.

West Coast Worries

west coast branch of the Avengers, he moved to California with his wife Mockingbird and set up shop in an impressive compound equipped with every luxury an Avenger could and Iron Man Hawkeye and his new team begun training, learning to work together like a we

desire Recruiting Wonder Man Tura pued mach ne Almost immediately that much ne was put

to the test. The old Avengers toe Graviton was returned to Earth from his prison void revence his only thought. With/a little he o from the secret ve hero known as the Shroud fron Man and his new team nates inhitrated Graviton's base and, thanks to strategy and cunning took the powerful villain down

However, villains weren t the only concern on m Rhodes' mind. He was more worried about how his new teammates would react when they discovered that he wasn't Tony Stark, the or ginal pilot of the Iron Man armor Muster no his courage, Rhodey I nally revealed his identity to his team Having already proved his mettle on their previous missions and duning Iron Man's time in the Secret Wars Rhodey was soon accepted by the learn even by the habitually skeptical Hawkeye

Iron Man's Return

During the so-called "Armor Wars" (see pp. 110-1) when Tony Stark waged war on anyone who had gained access to his stolen Iron Man technology, the Avengers were forced to dismiss Tony But after faking iron Man's death, and informing the public that he'd filred a With a different roster in place, including the Wasp, Hank Pym, USAgent, the doubted from Man's motives and asked film to reveal his identity. Stark refused: preferring to earn the team's respect or he battlefield instead





"We know you used to be TONY STARK, Iron Man. And we know Stark isn't dead. So tell us now... ARE YOU STARK?"

Hank Pvm

Future Foes

Although their line-up changed Avergers remained dedicated; to their mission. Fighting the likes of the mutant Magneto, the fime-defying Immortus and the mad scientist Dr. Demonicus. the Avengers soldiered on, even after Tony Stark guit their ranks): But they wouldn't be without an Phodes relained the team he helped found. Only now, Rhode





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It was Justin Hammer's most ingenious scheme. His employee Spymaster had planted a bug in Stark International years ago, stealing Tony's secrets and selling

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HEY ISSUE



IRON MAN #232

"How long have I been hunting it?
All night? Forever? Doesn't matter. Nothing
matters. I've got to keep on. Do whatever I
have to. Got to find it. So I can kill it..."

REDER STAR

MAIN CHARACTERS: Iron Man (Tony Stark); Iron Man (Jim Rhodes)

SUPPORTING CHARACTERS: Various corpses LOCATIONS: A dream world inside Tony Stark's mind; Tony Stark's coastal mansion, California

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BACKGROUND

Barry Windsor-Smith was about to make history. Already well known for his groundbreaking artwork and storytelling skills on Marvel's Conan the Barbarian series in the 1970s, he had returned to Marvel in the 1980s, ready to breathe new life into a few of their Super Hero properties. He would soon reach comics superstardom by writing and drawing the landmark origin story of the

X-Men's Wolverine in a series entitled Weapon X
But before Windsor-Smith turned the life of
Wolverine upside down, he dabbled in Iron Man's
world. First coming into contact with the Golden
Avenger in the second Machine Man limited
series, he went on to plot, pencil, and color a
surreal Iron Man adventure with the help of the
current Iron Man team, writer David Micheline
and inker Bob Layton. An epilogue to the
memorable Annor Wars storyline, readers were
given a rare glimpse into the inglimares that
haunt Tony Stark's psyche, while simultaneously
shown the imagery of a breathtaking artist in
his prine.



The Story...

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Suddenly an strange hum counted in the distance, from Man leafed out towards it, firing his repulsors into the blackness (#). But nothing happened, and the hum slowly turned into leachter.

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As their battle raged, iron Men fleroely attacked the robotic honor with his lives hands, managing to tear its head right off its shoulders. And just like that, it was over.

Tony could be down for just a minute and catch his breath. But the ground below him had changed. He now found himself lying upon miles and miles of rotting corpses (4).

Through the frontile landscape, a solliery figure trudged, it was Jim Rhobias, weathing file of the Main amon can one right. What in Throughed the fitted where they were, Rhodey airroly seald that they were in a place Slark himself and made. This campage was all fronty file stated where they were provided by the custodies. With their, the landscape began to white cone more. Solidarily, Torre sea standing in a ber, with Phodey manning the counter. As Torry residently ordered a voctor tonce, reagrand to secaping that troubles at Rhodey's suggestion, this cond began to appear around Torry body. Resembled and helpides. Torry locked up none more at the creature he had been hunting. And this time, the Torrow was warring the counter.

But Tony wouldn't joke up welvout a fight. Chimmeling all his animy; his object of his order books, Black Read invined, falling on this ground believe him. But it has been view being placed, and it was coming for him. Tony littled to nut (T), but the hands of his kettines show up from him metal conds believe his feet, They grabboal at Tony, Impeding his escape. Tony needed to think of another way to get here.

Relating that he attacked on the creature only made it stronger. Tory set his reputants a battoch senegy, whiter them release it. And with all the strength he could self mustar. Tory changed the bases, supring its raw energy, into his sence. But Tory couldn't stee must more and his trains excluded §6, unable to contain all of the beset's powerful essence. And shalls when Tory Shark self-less reference.

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ARMOR WARSII

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"Your time has come, Iron Man. As you

killed me, so now I claim your life!**

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OUT OF THE PAST

The Titnelium Man was back Of was he? Advantad by a disturbance at his nuclear research facility. Tony wasted no time changing into his tron Man armor and heading into his tron Man armor and heading to his acent. As he respected his plant, from Man was buried under tone of rubble. He was than conferred by an appointer who seemed to be the ghost of his old enemy from the along of the Cold Werr—that Thanhum Man. Ivon Man was forced to fee, but still managed to cover a funder medidown at his fectory.



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"Well, flesh? You have waked me from my dreamless sleep. Whu?"

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DEWITT'S DOWNFALL

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1990s

The decade of feil-embossed covers, large event story arcs, and edgy anti-heroes hit Iron Man's world, with mixed results.

It was a time for blockbusters and chart-toppers. Reinventing the wheel seemed to have become the standard, even if some wheels were performing just fine. The comics specialty market had opened up the doors for variant covers, crossovers, and their brading cards, the likes of which the industry had never seen. The editors of hon Man not only embraced the changes, indulging in the occasional polybey empreper or gold foil title, but they also utilized these trends to help faunch a companion comic. War Machine.

With years of grooming as tron Man's replacement and a fan base all his own, Jim Rhodes split off into his own title, with an edgier, more violent outlook on life. War Machine became the darker counterpart to fron Man, and a reflection of other top-selling anti-hero comics, such as Punisher, Lobo, and Wolverine.

As crossover events like the grand scale Infinity Geuntets and the Avenger's Crossing epic deet with catacitysmic throats, Iron Man was killed and replaced by a younger version of nimeself. But before this new Iron Man could even sink in with the readers, the Croslaught erossover rocked the Marvel Universe and the Iron Man title was cancelled. The series was immediately restarted, however, featuring yet another new take on Iron Man, with a new groin and history.

It wean't until near the end of the decade that Iron Man was restored to his former glory in yet another Earth-shattering event called Heroes Return. With the debut of his third ongoing series, iron Man was returned to his roots, much to the relief of a perplexed readership.



OVERLEAF Iron Men 13000 War Machine led an Iron Legion of former Iron Men against the alting Littmo in the Innomer's 300th Iron



Tony Stark traveled to China in search of a cure for his inoperable condition only to be confronted by the Mandarin and an army of alien dragons.



Critical Condition

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Employing the world's leading neuro-biologist, Dr. Su Vin, Teny found himself at the doctor's mercy in more

a change for treatment from Dr. Vin see kis body's seemingly inopenable condition. Tony was forced to offer his "bodyguard's" services to the Chinese government. The Mandarin was demanding the country's submission, and only Iron Man could stop him.



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It wasn't the first war the Avengers had been caught up in, but it was one of the most devastating. And a judgement made at the war's conclusion would divide the team for years to come.

THE RIPPLES OF WAR

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the Avengers into Operations Galactic Storm, It would be their opponents, another ellen empire, the Shi'er. When the Shi'ar captured Rick Jones, an old ally of Captain America and the Avengers, they only wished to discover the location of a Kree cultocat on earth. Instead, they were greated by Captain America and an assembled team of West Coast Avengers, eager to protect their old friend. To make matters worse, during their battles with the Kree, the Shi'sr were traveling via a wormhole that was perilously close to Earth. When the rift in space was utilized, the sun was severely affected and if this activity didn't stop agont.

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THE SKRULL'S PLOT The Avengers discovered that a Shi'ar Nega Bomb had been strategically polalisered in

Bomb had been strategically podestroy the entitle Kree nace—a plot cooled up by the Kree's own Supreme Intelligence with help from the Skrulls. The Avengers battled the Skrulls for control of the device but, despite their best efforts, the bomb was deforable.

SPLIT DECISION

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"The Supreme Intelligence is a machine... a soulless piece of hardware... that we will destroy so that nothing like this will ever happen again." Iron Man



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BACK IN UNIFORM



Even though he had originally pileted it bimoelf, Tony developed his War Machine Iron Man armor specifically with Jim Rhoden' fighting style in mind.

Once again, Rhodey was getting the hang of being the replacement fron Man. He hald his own in battles with Firepower, the powerhouse known as Atom Smasher, and eventhe Living Leser. He also won over the staff in his new role as Stark Enterprises CEO and began dating Tony's ex-giffriend Ree LaCoste. When Tony awoke from his come, and Rhodey discovered his friend's boldface lie, Jim furlously ended his association with both Stark and his heroic legacy. Rhodey quit as CEO and as Iron Man, but kept his armor, changing his moniker to the more appropriate War Machine. Tony was left alone and temporarily paralyzed, so he did what he always did. He continued to fight, by developing a ne telepresence remote-controlled from Man armor.



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into a half-human cyboru. As an emergency

backup, Tony equipped Rhodey with non-Stark technology and gave him a satellite base.

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Always a force to be reckoned with, Jim Shades' recent transformation into a half-human cybore has increased his deadly potential in combat tenfold. With his body composed primarily of machinery, including rebuilt arms, legs, and spine, War Machine employs a variety of new wengons systems. But nerbans his current armor's most significant innovation is its ability to absorb mechanical devices into his own bady. With this ability to matently rebuild or upgrade himself, even in the middle of combat situations. Rhoday is structly unstoppable Nevertheless, he frequently falls back as the trusted technology originally conceived by Yony Stark.

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TIMESUDE Tony Stark was no longer a hero. He'd become a murderer, and only one man could stop him: Tony Stark himself.



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> Teny killed the sursey Marsile when she discovered him exiting through a mysterious portal that had formed beneath Avengers Mansion.



FALLEN FROM GRACE

Tony's corruption hadn't happened over night. He'd lived a stressful life full of gulk and struggle, constantly battling inner demons caused by a strict childhood and an alcohol addiction. But when his college professor Ted Slaught was trapped. in a laboratory explosion and turned into the monetrous Slag. a part of Tony died when he was forced to destroy his old mentor. Suddenly, his mind was ripe for Kano's mental manipulations, and Tony soon began spending more and more time in a new, secret base he had set up in the Arctic.





VOUNG TONY

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> After the elder Stark's death, young Tony stayed in the present and developed his own Iron Man ermor, painting forming a framewhile with him Riveran-



He was reborn in a pocket universe very different from the one he used to know. With no memories of his past life and adventures, Tony Stark was forced to discover Iron Man again, as if for the first time.

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Ashema & Franklin

Halling from a race of gods of limitless cosmic powers called the Celestials, Ashema came to Earth from her homebeyond the stars to learn from the newest "god," Franklin Richards, Her oecole realized that Franklin's new world was an experiment, Heroes had lived in new ways. making different choices and heading in bold new directions: however, now the experiment was: over. It was time to wipe the Petri dish clean, and start afresh somewhere else. No metter how attached to his world Franklin was, it had to be destroyed. Otherwise, Ashema would have no choice but to eradicate Earth itself, the world that was home to the powerful young mutant.

The heroes had left our world for someplace different. They'd begun new lives, started over. But soon they would have no choice: if they wanted to survive, they would have to return.

HEROES RETURN

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Tony & Pepper

Knowing that he would have to feare the pooled universe. Tory Stark decided to spend his least moments with his assistant, Papper Potta. Tory know he would never see this varion of her again, and that he would soon return to a world in which he and Papper might not be together. So before he left, Tory gave his true love not seen that he would soon return the world with the level of the left files good the seen and the seen that he would soon the left files good that the level need to see the seen and the seen that the level need to see the seen that he would have the seen that the seen that the seen the seed of seen that the seen that the



"WHAT OF YOU, TORY STARK? IS IT NOT GALLING TO HURL YOURSELF INTO THE UNKNOWN... WHER YOU HAVE ALL A MAN COULD WISH FOR?"

Doctor Doom •



The harces of the pocket universe were desperate to persuade Ashama to spare thair world. The Calestial reluctantly agreed, but only on condition that they all return to their proper dimension. Fortunately for them, Dr. Doom hipponed to have a space etip equipped for that very purpose.



Breaking Through

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Iron Man Returns

Tony Stark was acting his age again, Now back in the dimension of his bith. Tony Stark was no longer the youth that had isaped into Onslaught is order to save humanity. Tony was back to his proper age, possessing all the memories of his ong carers as Ison Man, as well as those of his younger counterpart. After digging up his own, now-empty graws. Tony realized that Frankful Tell hands his Assistant of the same to could. So finally, Tony Stark was back to his old cell again.

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"You want to come after Mr. Stark—you want to hurt him, kill him, stop him from doing what he's setting out to do—you do it over Iron Man's dead body. That's all I've got to say."

LEDON DAGN

MAIN CHARACTERS: Iron Man (Tony Stark),
MAIN SUPPORTING CHARACTERS: Death Squad;
Georgie Avalon; Ms. Denton; Vittorio Silvani;
Rosalind Sharpe; Foggy Nelson; Norman Osborn;
Sunset Bain; Pepper Potts; Jim Rhodes
MAIN LOCATIONS: Avalon Trading Co.; Stark Tower;
Marla Stark Community Center; Baintronics (all New
York): AlM hideout

BACKGROUND

The heroes were returning, and Marvel fans couldn't be more releveed After all, from Man had been through a four lately He had turned evil, died, been replaced by a younger version of himself, died again, and been reborn in a pooket universe, as an adult version of himself. Fans were treed of the evers-shifting satus guo, and when the

Heroes Return mini series event catapulted Marvel's famous heroes back to their old familiar selves and realities, they welcomed them back with open arms

Enter Kurt Busiek Already a tan favorite writer for his groundbreaking Mariek inini series and his innovative take on super-heroics in the pages of Hunderholts, Busiek set out to not only restore from Man to his past glory, but to also control the fate of the Avengers comic. Busiek didn't disappoint. He told consistently classic tales that paid tribute to the past, while always

moving forward in new, unexpected directions. The result was a true rebirth for the Golden Avenger, worthy of a new first issue heralding his fresh start



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New York City was abuzz. Not only was York Stark back from the searches. deed, but so was his fabled bodyquard, the armored hero knows as Iron Misr. (1). And as all of Menhettan wondered if Tony was going to attempt to take back his old company, now merged with the Japanese conglomerate Fulfill Industries, fron Man had other priorities on his mind. There was a hostage

eltustion at the Avelon Tracing Company that needed the hero's attention (iii).

After dealing with the violent mercenery Vittorio Silveni and his hired help, from
Man headed back to Stark Tower, eltusted in the heart of Manhattan's fishion. clientot. After all, the evening was drawing close, and Tony Stark had quite a

homecoming gais to attend (3).

With a quest list including such furninaries as the Fantastic Four's Read. Richards and Sue Storm, Deily Budie founder J. Jonah Jameson, and femous cruesding attorney Foggy Nelson, Tony Stark apent the majority of the black tie affeir sheking hands and making small talk. After turning down the advancements of the beautiful, and guite available Leah Sheffeld, Tony stood outside on Stark Tower's rooftop balcony, reminiscing about a tour of a Southeast Asia plant he went on years ago that went horribly wrong (4). He thought about the guerrille leader Wong-Chu, and the death of his friend Ho Yinsen. But most of all, Tony thought about donning his Iron Man armor for the first time in order to eacape Wong-Chu's custody and about the start of his own long-lesting war on crime that began

Deciding to get a bit of fresh sir from a ventege point other than his ivory tower. Tony walked over to the construction sits of a housing development he was appearheading through his charitable Maria Stark Foundation. As he toured the grounds, finding comfort in the bere steel and rivets surrounding him ##. Stark's musings were interrupted by gunfre. Behind him were five heavily armed assailants, calling themselves the Death Squad.

Led by the militant Firefight, and containing members Rocket-Launcher, Airborne, Smokescreen, and Boobytrap, the Death Squad wasted no time in attacking Stark on behalf of their mysterious employer. With his trademark briefcase in hand, Tony aprinted away employer, when it as tracellars characters in terror, story spanned away from the villains until he bound a nice clearated hole in the ground; perfect for a quick costume change. And seconds late, the Death Squad ware no longer facing a hapitose millionale playboy. Now they were up against the updated and actimately schemosed technology of from Man (7). As this fight naged on and brin Man galand the support hand, the memorarists

made their getaway with the help of Smokeacreen's blackout bleet (6). And It wasn't until the vitains were safety out of sight that iron Man resized the demage the bettle hed cost him. True, Tony Stark was still alive, but the housing project he had worked so hard to construct was now nothing more then expensive emolding rubble. Something had to change. He'd lost too menty

things that truly mattered to him. After a sleepless night spent fost in thought 100, Tony Stark celled a press conference the following morning. There, to the surprise of triends and enemies, Tony ennounced the creation of Stark Solutions, a new company offering std, advice or, appropriately enough, solutions, to running offering std, advice or, appropriately enough, solutions, to any client willing to pay his externesty high less. Profile would sergely be turned over to the Marie Stark Foundation for reconstruction projects. to help make the world a better place. And as Tony Stark turned the

press conference over to queetlone from the sudience (10), he felt he could rest easier that right. He knew there would be problems yet to face, and fose yet to fight, but at least now he knew where he was going. And for Tony Stark, that was all that mattered.

"Wide-beam, shalloweffect repulsor ests turn the glass frequents to powder. Don't went enyone getting burt..."

















AVENGERS

When Morgan le Fay reared her ugly head, it was time for the return of Earth's ASSENBLED alghtiest heraes. All of them.

Reunited

Vision, an artificial creation by the rebotic villein Ultran, the Vision Issu used his density manipulation to ald the Avenuers for years, developing his own personality in the process.



Cantain America: the history ediment of the American Dream Steve Rogers lent his courage, energy should, and morel character to the team



microwave-based powers and a former member of the New riors. Accelics Joors was ont of the Avenger's new recruits.



Justice: Sweeter's herfried and follow mutent, Vance Astrovik had always dreamed of using his telekinetic powers to light aleagude his childhood heroes.



Scarlet Witch: the daughter of the natorious mutant Magneto with sique "hex powers," the Scarlet Witch found a new family in the Resigers years ago



Thor: the Norse and of Thunder Ther fought his way back from the dimensional void to warm his friends of the dangers that



Irgo Man: joining as an active member, Tony Stark eace again took his class in the siste inner circle of the Avengers' founders.







ZIIIIS AND ON...

Having walked a hard road, from Man new flew to new heights of popularity and became the center of attention in the Marvel Universe.

Iron Man was thriving in his new environment: the book store. With newestand comics nearly a thing of the past, Marvel had largely switched its format to skriesue arcs that could be easily collected into trade paperheck form. This approach seemed tailor-made for Iron Man, and the character acon appeared in a few miniscries of his own.

It wasn't long before Tony Stark was attracting top talent in the industry. Luminarias Warren Ellis and Adi Grantov relaunched Iron Man's title with a new first Issue and revamped origin. Writer Brian Michael Bendla placod Tony in the New Avengers and then at the helm of the Mighty Avengers and the Initiative. Ed Brubaker granted Tony a recurring role in his death of Captain America segs. With the added push of Jon Favreau's 2008 blockbuster Iron Man film, etarring Robert Downey Jr. as Tony Stark, Iron Man find become one of the most important characters in the Marvel Universe, Iron Man was at the heart of every major event, and continued to star in several miniseries, including Jee Casey's Enter the Mandard and Inevitable limited series.

Iron Man would see his title rebooted for the fifth time, this time to spotlight popular new writer Matt Fraction. As the comic became a besteeller, the character of War Machine was given enother chance at his own ongoing series. With the release of a new animated series in 2009 and a sequel film in 2010, the future looked brighter than ever for Iron Man and his compelling, endlessly fascinating world.









Mr. Stark Goes to Washington

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Tony Stark knew he couldn't beat the government, so he opted to join them, using all his power and influence to gain the nomination of Secretary of Defense.





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When overseeing the creation of a new experimental apy plane, Burch watched as the alroraft flew off course and collided with an army transport plane. As Iron Man saved the endangered graft, securing his bid to the Defence seat, Burch took his man he paties if an fond the importunities of his actions.





While utilizing his new hypergravity armor to compensate for the extreme pressure during an experimental space flight, from Man attempted to destroy a roque comet that was on a collision course with Earth, But first he had to combat the renesads communist threat of the litanium Man.

VITRIOL

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Maniacal despots, time-traveling bandits, world-conquering alien tyrants-the Avenuers had survived them all. But when a teammate turned against them, the Avengers discovered an enemy that they might not all walk away from.



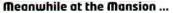


After spying the Latverian Ambassador in attendance at a UN assembly, Stark began to lash out at the official, and his corrupt country.

"Let's all take a vote RIGHT NOW to just wipe your country off the map already and build an amusement park out of the whole thing and call it a day."

Outburst at the UN

Tony Stark was perhaps the most widely trusted member of the Avengers. In file position as the US Secretary of Defense, he was the natural choice to speak at a pasce conference at the United Netions, But suddenly, he found himself unable to contain his temper while addressing the Latverian Ambassador and ended his pharacter; nevertheless, Tony recognized the way-he was feeling. He felt as if he were drunk. Yet he hadn't had a drop of alcohol in yeers...



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UNDER ATTACK?



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a coincidence. It had to

As Captain America



Hex Magic

Dr Strange the world's greatest socierer houred tout bist. All these Apparently, at dom events had the same origin. they had been caused by the magical bex powers of origins e Avenger the Scanet Witch Alter years of emotional trauma. Vanda Maximolfi had I halfy lost control of her sanity, and was lashing out at the Avengers.

Luckily for the Avengers, Br. Stronge's knowledge of magic knew no rival, and he was able to defeat Wands by taking away what little remained of her fragile mind.



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THE GREAT HUMAN HOPE

Tony Stark was living the dream in the Scarlet Witch's House of M world. His father was still alive, he was a successful businessman, and he was adored and envied by millions in the sports arena. But at heart, he was still the same hero who had struggled against opposition and overwhelming odds for his entire life. So when his old friend Henry Pym went mining while running

controversial experiments on the mutant genome, Tonydonned his most recent Iron Man suit and headed outto find his trusted Stark Industries employee. After doing battle with a fleet of human-hunting giant sentinel robots led by his own father, Tony teamed up. with fellow robot fighter Johnny Storm and attacked a human holding facility to free Pym.

Mutants and Madmen

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THE RESISTANCE

Howard Stark had been wrong, Mass murder could never be an acceptable answer. But deep down in his soul, Tony still knew that something about this world was seriously out of iditer. A mejor wrong needed to be put right... Then the mutant Layle. Miller and a bend of femiller heroes paid him a visit in his hometown of Chicago to restore his memories to what they were Existing the Stouter Witch assess: them. Tony immediately joined their underground resistance. which had the sole alm of bringing the tyranic of the kisses of Magneto to an end.



It was time to take the fight directly to Magneto's front door, the island nation of Genosha.



"No More Mutants"

As the heroes invaded Genoshs on the back of a reprogrammed sentinel robot, they unlocked Magneto's mind so that he, too, remembered the way the world should be, Enraged to discover that his son Quicksliver had Witch's thinking and had inegired her to creete the World of M, Magneto attacked his own son. forcing the Scarlet Witch demage her people had caused, Wanda MaximoR restored the world to normal, dramatically reducing the number of

true Man fought elengalde Spirier Man, Cyclops and other bersen is an etempt to bring down the House of M and restore their reality.



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"We'll find out who our enemies are. We'll find who did this. And then we'll avenue it." mon man

THE NEW AVENGERS

While visiting a prisoner at Ryker's Island's Raft Installation. crusading lawyer Matthew Murdock, his escorting SHIELD agent and former Spider-Woman Jessica Drew, and his bodyguard Luke Cage found themselves in the fight of their lives. When the facility's power auddenly shut off, the deadliest super-powered prisoners New York City had to offer were freed.

BREAKOUT

Jouned by Spider-Man, Iron Man and Captani America, as well as the to merly imprisoned powerhouse to: Sentry, the heroes managed to mell the riors, though not before 42 thinds in ide good their escape. The musion didn't have the best result by my means, but it missired Captain America, making him readze the read for a team of super-powered office for account

Capton America set of the second il ise that hid heared deal with the prison breakout With Iron Man on board, as well as Spider-Woman. Spider-Man, and Luke Cage, this statute team of New Avengers set. up a headquarters in the top three floors of Manhattan's Stark Tower skyscraper, and soon added Wolverine. the Sentry and the navy cross marrid retist Roma to their ranks



An opportunist by nature, Electro made ours that the Raft prisoners know that they gwed him a favor.



SENTRY'S STORY



WORLD CLASS

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MEMBERS

- - merly known as Pewer Marc
- CAPTAIN AMERICA



After transing to the present, Iron Lad broke into Stack Industries in order to locate the weiny consulter program and former Avenger known as the Vision. They appeared out of nowhere. A group of teenage heroes bearing striking resemblances to familiar icons. Although their heroism was immediately obvious, the origins of these Young Avengers were shrouded in mystery.

Back in the Past

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THE NEW IRON MAN

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"Maya, I can see through satellites

DODGE MARK

MAIN CHARACTERS: Iron Man (Tony Stark); Ho Vinsen: Maya Hansen

Yinsen; Maya Hansen

SUPPORTING CHARACTERS: Various terrorists under Wong-Chu's employ

LOCATIONS: Wong-Chu's insurgent camp,

presumably Afghanistan; Maya Hansen's laboratory at Futurepharm. Austin. Texas

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BACKGROUND

It was time for Iron Man to get a boost. A major Marvel writer of the 1996s, Warren Fllis had taken a brief respite from mainstream heroes to explore inteharted waters on various successful titles, including Vertigo Comes' Transacrizyolitan and Wildstorm's The Indionity. After amassing much critical acclaim, Ellis was triumphantly returning to the come mainstream with projects like the highly popular Uliniate Fantasiic Four yoon, Ellis was tarped to retain the from

Man into a fourth series

Already praised for his distinctive covers for the end of Iron Manis third series. Adi Granov was looking for a new project. He jumped at the chance of diawing six fron Man issues alongside Ellis. The collaboration brought about not only a best-selling graphic novel, when the issues were collected, but also a startling reinvention of the character, evolving Iron Man to the next level as both man and machine.

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The Story...

As Tony Start's hody lies helpless on Mays Human's operating table, nador-poing the Subramia propagates, his mind Heater back to his first time in on tree Man soil.

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view probably going to dis within the viewic. In this time he was expected to create a viewpoint for the entroller, however behalf that countries, to which place that the found for the probably that the probably that the probably the proba

Meanwhile, back in the present on the operating table, a strange black cooon had formed around Tony's body. And Mays waited, Back in Tony's memories, he and Yinean built their suit of armor, and

it worked just like Tony thought it would (5). He easily escaped, killing the very terrorist soldiers who had kidnapped him. And just like that, Iron Man was born.

Mays, had been welling for an hour when the energy elect out of Tony's cheet (#), it was a rad, unfocused been, that cracked the occoon like laws bursting through hardened magma. As the occoon block ewey, Tony sat up. He was alles, and filled with more energy than ever before.

The Gelevinis serum half wholl him. It had ingrown his organia and mendad his outshed bones. The problem was according to Neghe soluciations, it shouldn't have worked as cyaclely. But in this time before he pessed out, Tany half made his own modifications to the Entraine solution. New, his crucial undersheath, the cycles representation of the contract of the contract of the contract of the bones, and formed exound his felt in an it poured out of his poses on the mental commend. He could eard electronic algorithm with his brish, were made stephone calls without evering a word out lood. Even better, his could communicate with machinery smootely (%), like the compressed outer from files amont he kept in his

Tony Stark was now a new man. A few bankfur, ded he was made to take the light back to Maller,









"This either saves you or kills you."









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Brought together by a conscious resolve to make the world a better place, the Illuminati were a secret band of brothers, each a hero in his own right, representing the best of man and mutantkind. They formed to prevent an invasion. And they would disband when an invasion occurred...

The illuminati were a group of leaders gathered together by icon Man in order to keep the lines of communication open between all the world's uperhuman communities. Comprising Iron Man, the inhuman king Black Bolt, the mutant rights activits and leader of the X-Mem Professor X, Namor the Sub-Mariner and king of Adants; Dr. Strange, the world's torcerer supreme, and the Fantastic Rour's Mr. Fantastic, the Illuminati was a beain trust data served as a clandering direct link between the world's greatest upper here occurs.

The organization was founded after the Knec-Ysnull War. A war, between two ollen races on a scale so manive it was unbased of, the war shook the Avenages' would and opened from Man's open to the threats facing the Earth. Tony realized that if there had been between communication between the Earth's super-powered groups, then they would have detected the seeds of war much earlier, and, preventative measures could have been taken.

So Iron Man ssembled the Illuminati, and also invited the king of Wakanda and former Aveoger Black Pamber to join in make. While, the west of the Illuminative relaxed but Iron Man might be on to something and embraced his idea, Black Pamber opposed the notion. He foil that them would be too much at stake if the group diagnost and be wasted no part in their self-proclaimed role is protectors of Barch, Pauther left the meeting, and the others moved on to their first new order of business.

It wan't long before the Illuminati took offernive action against the shape-shifting alien Skrulis. After destroying a weachip that contained the Skrulis' king, who had refused to likens to reason, the heroes were ambushed and taken prisoners Although they eventually reaped, the Skrulis' and experimentation on them, and discerned how to duplicate their powers. The Skrulis started to plan their revenue?

ILLUMINATI ACTS

The Personal convened in times of crisis, acting only when they felt the effection was too dire to ignore.

THE HULK EXILED

When the Hulk's latest destructive outburst resulted in a depth count of 20 people, Item Man could no longer overdook the succumolible actions of his friend Bruce Banner's alter ego. Bringing the lause to the attention of the Bluntinest, from Man was surprised to encounter fleet opposition from Namor Item Man and the others woods to calle the Hulk into outer space. The property of the pure when the brute could finally findone to a deserted plants where the brute could finally find-

peace. Namor attacked fron Man until the sea king was restrained by Dr. Strange. The wate was taken and Hulk was sentenced to be sent away for good.

The Illuminated see about tricking Hulk to man a wested that was to bepropelled into deep space. However, the ship happened to pass through a wormhole, and Hulk was sent to a war-torn planet instead of the paradisthe Illuminate had intended. Thus a series of events were set in motionthat culminated in the seismic conflict known as World War Hulk-

THE INFINITY GAUNTLET

Commission for all-powerful games that each commission different comile power, the Infinity Gunnter granted in weared control of all of space, matter, and time. Determined that the great should not fall into the wrong hands, the Illuminati see out to locate them. After traveling the globe to find the stones, each, one of the Illuminati became a guardian of a particular germ, so amount in power would more be abused.









The Illuminate each bucame a coretaker of the infinity game that controlled reality, the mind, power, space, the soul, and time.

THE BREAKUP

Registration Act that would force all powered individuals, to register their abilities with them. Iron Man brought, the proposed legislation up with Illuminati, insisting that the members back the act. He was immediately met with opposition from Dr. Strange and Namor. Both members weigner from the group, and it seemed the Illumination were finished for good Iron Man called upon the Illumination and set rime to throw them without the proposition of the continual to the strange of a coming Strull invasion. Once Black Bolt had revealed finance of a coming Strull invasion. Once Black Bolt had revealed finance in the structure of th

STAMFORD

It was one of the worst disasters in human history. When a youthful team of crime fighters called the charge that devastated the town of Stamford, Connecticut, killing more than 600 people. The retion blamed all Super Heroes, and Congress ed the Superhuman Registration Act

CIVIL WAR

It was brother against brother. Friend against friend. The Super Hero Civil War created a rift in the superhuman community that might never heal.

It was the law. Super Heroes, or anyone possessing enhanced abilities for their metit had to register their powers with the government. Their scoret identifies would now be a metter of record. Their crime-lightling cereers would be regulated, with paid vacations and sick days, just like any other job. Super Heroes were now civil servant Anyone operating outside of those perimeters would be arrested and locked in an extra-dimensional prison developed by Mr. Fantastic himself in the fabled Negative Zone. There was a definite line drawn in the send, and it came as no surprise to anyone that Captain America, was the first to cross it.

To Captain America, trading in personal freedoms for a government promise of security was totally unacceptable. He was convinced that registering their identities would be like painting targets on the innocent families and friends of some Super Heroes. After all, a hero's life is fraught with peril, and the lest thing he or she would want to do would be to bring that danger home at night. So Cap organized his own underground rebellion against the Registration Act and many heroes flocked to him.

THE RIGHT THING?

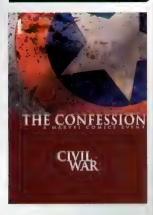
Tony Stark wouldn't get a good night's sleep for quite some time. In his heart he knew that regulating the heroes was a necessary step in this day and age. He knew training them and preparing them for a life of fighting orime was a good thing. But he was hunting down his beet friends. And he knew no good could

surprise and short-circuited his armor, Cap beat his old friend within an inch of his life. A group of rescue workers tore the Captain of Tony's nearly lifeless body, providing the reality check Captain America needed. He looked around and saw the destruction the wor had caused his city and he knew that this waen't the way. Captain America surrendered and ordered his people to stand down. And just like that, the war was over

162-163 AMERICA'S SACRIFICE A war was being waged. Lives were being lost. On both sides, ugly decisions were being made. Soon Iron Man and Captain America met face-to-face on the streets of New York Cily, After the Viteion look Tony by surprise and short-circuited his armor, Cep beat his

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THE CONFESSION
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"I—I came here to tell you why all this happened. You asked me and I'm going to tell you. It was because of King Arthur."

HIRE TRAN

MAIN CHARACTERS: Iron Man, Captain America SUPPORTING CHARACTERS: SHIELD agents, King Arthur and knights, zombies, Dr. Doom, Mr. Fantastic, Magneto, Green Gobiln, Spider-Man, Thor, Kingpin, Nick Fury and other heroes LOCATIONS: SHIELD Helicarrier; Camelot; Stark's lab; the Raft prison

BACKGROUND

Writer Mark Millar rocked the Marvel Universe with his seven-issue mui series Civil Har, which forced nearly every hero and vallun to choose between Iron Muis pron-registration side and Captain America's underground

forces However, Juns in the real world wondered why from Man underlie decision he shed With a long history of clashing with the US government what would make Jone Mark committained so fully to the care of Suncy Hero registration?

There was no better writer to explain Jone's staraction Brian Michael Bendis Known for his real stidialog and character insights, which has helped to make Uliman Spater Min and Directed such saccesses, Bendis partacred with his longitude Directed with Alexander to the two

> poignant conversations between the generals of each side of the Civil War. Born out of these revealing exchanges was a one-shot tre-in special that shed light on the uneasy ramifications of a war between friends



The Story...

With the Civil War finally over Iran Man and Captain America store more summ with each other in the face of devastating tragety.

The skies were appropriately cloudy as Iron Man flew to the SHIELD Halicarrier hovering over Weshington DC's femous Arington Cemetery ESS. Arriving on Basement Sub-Level 7 of the massive floating fortress, Iron Mar continued past the varied faces of his SHIELD subordinates. Although each solder paid him the professional respect he demanded as Director of the SHIELD global pascakeaping force, Iron Man could sense where their true loyalties rested. They were still the soldiers of SHIELD's former Director, Nick

Tony Stark soon found the man he was looking for; his old friend and current enemy. Stave Rogers, the fisq-wearing icon known to the world as Captain America. As Tony sait down acrose from his old friend, he took his helmat off (2) and began to bare his soul. Earlier, Captain America had selved Tony why all this -- the Civil War between the heroes -- why it all began... and Tony thought it was finally time to tall him.

Years ago, when Iron Man had battled Dr. Doom in a time-spanning mission that cast the two fees back into the days of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table (3), Tony had seen a vision white locked in combat on the field of were fighting heroes (4). Alies were butting each other in a bloody conflict with no clear-cut victor. This image, however brief, stayed with Tony and, upon his return to his proper time, helped him decide to form the Illuminati, a gathering of the leaders of various Super-Hero teams. If this diseaser westleaming in the future, he would do his best to see to it that it never happened.

Despite his best intentions, Tony began to see the seeds of war all around him. When Nick Fury leaked a copy of the Superhuman Registration Act to him (\$), Tony could see a line sheedy forming in the sand. He was a futurist after all. It was what he did for a living. He already knew which side his various friends would choose, and he legal side of things, then who would? After all, heroes had to work. with the law, and to work against it was nothing short of arrogant. As Tony sat there, bearing his soul to his old friend, tears formed

in his eyes (6). Because recently, Captain America had saked from destruction that had resulted from brother fighting brother, And as he now looked out an a cold metal also in front of him (7), Iron Man knew that he had been

cell, Steve Rogers was paid a vielt by his captor himself, Iron Man (8). What followed wean't the friendliest conversation. Captain America accused iron Man of being slok with power, and Iron Men accused Captain America of being an old man who didn't understand the times he was fiving in. But Steve Rogers was certain. Despite Iron Men's victory on the bettiefield, Stark had lost the fight Captain America selved his old friend one last question. He selved him if all of it

Iron Man didn't answer. He just called Rogers a sore loser, and walked away, feaving the living symbol of freedom to sit quietly, alone and behind bars (9).







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AFFILIATIONS New Avengers, Secret Avencers, New Familiatic Four

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treb-electors and sticky, dissolving web fluid adhesive. Serius level intellect.

Percencing a scientific mind, Poter Perhar le stunge drums to technology exhibits, double leving gained his powers at one when bitten by a collection opides.

Radioactive Man

While attending a New York electronics expo. Tony Stark and Paler Parker felt a chili when walking by the Stane International booth. For Peter, it was his trademark apider-sense warning him of danger. For Tony, it was the lingering memories of his archenemy Obedish Stene and the demage the ruthless mogul had inflicted on his personal life. However different their origins, both men's inelincts proved correct. The mouthplace the show was none other than Chen Lu. secretly the Radioactive Man, a threat from both heroes' peets. And when Spider-Man returned to the augo at night, the Radioactive Man showed the wall-crawler exactly how much of a threat he truly was.

As the Stationative Man experimental or a captive Spider-Man, from Man targed in as the same and freed his fellow here. With Spidey clad in a radiation suit, the two used sittle-freen to existe their entremous advances:

"What—Spider Man in a radiation suit? ...ingenious!"

IRON MAN and SPIDER-MAN



The Iron Spider

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Made of heat-resistant Keeter micro-fiber, Spider-Male's near contume could reset asset ceitier hellets, had carbon litters in the mouth to keep out toxing, a short-reage SPS appters, and three arm-like waldoes that could extend from the hack.



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lony worned Peter of the proposed Superhumon Registration Act and Peter agreed to stand by him.

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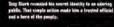
Although he enjoyed mentoring Peter Parker he also needed his horp. Turry hand Peter to work. for him as his second in con mand, and infor ned his young friend that the two of them will it such be heading to Washington DC Congress was Lifebar no to bass a Superhoman Bedishation. Act, a law requiring Super Heroes to recisive their powers and identities with the US government Convinced that the Act was timely and sure to become law. Stark reluctantly became a spokesman for it. Tony knew that if Spider M.inwho represented the common man to many a line Super Hero community - came out in support of the Act, many other superhuman individuals would agree to sign up, and the chance of violence erupting would be significantly reduced.



TONY STARK -

DIRECTOR OF S.H.I.E.L.D

In the US government's eyes, Iron Man single-handedly ended the Super Koro Civil War. He was a maverick leader, reminiscent of SNIELD directors past, and the perfect spokesman for a bold new era.





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HE NEW ROSS

Is west times for a while, but Stark has a very of putting his employees it asses. Promoted to the diseasor of the word's foremost peacelesping agency, SHELD because of his uncomporating, pro-government stance during the Super Hero CHA Wars, Stark faced plenty of criticates from SHELD agents still yould be their legading peac director, Notk Fuy. However, one by one, Tony began to with his men over. With simple Innovations such as a suggestion too custiled for calleties, doing valvey with the accusable officers' citic, hing an executive orbif for the measurable, and a harded on work eiths. Sixth proved himself to his man, and upped morate at the same time, He even managed to cut was forest to the contraction of the stark of the second of the same time. It was official. Like everyting else in his life that he put his mind to, Stark seemed to have another success on his hard to have inclined to have another success on his hard.

Tony Stark's first major operational test soon anneal. Various terrorist spinter groups were getting their hands on highly advanced technology. Masterminade by Tony, SHIELD's investigation pointed to sere man, a mysterious terrorist negred (Sight Mathagent Nejees, who had been misering for four miserious.)



When the MilkLD believerier may attacked by a fiving caneer, Tony med the Extremin technology in this own body in order to eradicate the plagm.

THE MANDARIN'S EXTREME AGREED A Funding the random terror calls, creating the array of undeed cybergs, and releasing the plague on the Helicarrer was all just musdirection. The Mandarin, using the alats fem Borjiger, ready wanted Maya's Extremis technology, and he would show at head to all the days at the stage.

TONY STARH: SUPERSPY

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Stark's directorship was beginning to renounce their fury's Stark approached everything from a hands on perspective perspire to compage to occasional protests

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THE LIWING CAMPER While examining one of the high-tach terrorists, scientist Maga Hansen stombled upon a firing cancer that took over the SMEED helicarrier The cancer killed Tony's friend and adverser Sal Kennedy before Iron Man was able to also at.



In arder to work in secret on her controversal fatrams technology, Maya Hanese faked her own death and took a job with the mysterious Promethous Bentach company, Little did Tony's former griffrand realize that the Mandarin was Promethous's ECB.

MAYA'S FAKED SUICIDE

The Mighty Avengers

The Civil War was over, but the world needed its heroes now more than ever. And no one was more aware of this fact than the newly appointed SHIELD Director, Tony Stark.

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Dealing with the Mole Man

With a single thought, Ultren melted Male Man's pervents, eradicating his savage army as confly se swatting a fly. With the villain's threat now estinguished, Ultran turned her attention to

THE CHOSEN ONES

With his old ally Ms. Marvel at his side as field captain, Iron Man set out to choose a core examples to the superhuman community. With hundreds of candidates to pick from, the God of War Ares, super spy Black Widow, the ionic-energy-powered Wonder Man, and the diminutive Wasp.

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Managaman Managa

to combat the Mole Man and his as the villain orchestrated an ittack on downtown Manhatten.

Before the team had a chance to train as a group, they were forced legions of subterranean monsters,

Familiar Faces

The Mighty Avengers were completely dumbfounded. They had just watched their lauded leader transform into a female version of their grantest androld foe, Ultron. And not only that, this Ultron boro a striking resemblance to longtime Avenger, the Wasp. As Ultron shrugged off the most brutal attacks from Ares and the Sentry, SHIELD agents were busy locating Ultron's creator, the acientist and former Avenger, Henry Pym. With Pym's help, the Avengers learned that Ultron had also taken over Tony's experimental weather controlling satallite technology.

in a firsh of white light was with the force of an exploding bomb from Man desappoared, and in his place stood the preceive floury of the new Ultrea.

Ultron's Agenda

Ultron desired nothing less than the extinction of all of mankind. As she continued to cause freak weather patterns and electrical interference, the old Avengers' foe began to attempt to hack into the launch codes of several nuclear missile stations.

Stark

Wonn iron Man transfermed Into Ultron, Tony's contingency plan was activated, summoning a robot aide in order to assist the crisis at hand. But despite Teny's help, seemingly beyond the grave, Ultron commandeered hundreds of other Iron Man suits, and pit them against the Avengers. Finally, thanks to Ares' brute strongth and bank Pym's Arti-Man technology, Ultren was defeated, restoring Texy Stark to his normal, human form.

Such was Ultran's power, she was able to take down the Main Man's borden as well as the Awagers. The also amanged to use a blackent on a placed senio.



Iron Man had a dream for a secure nation. A team of governmentregulated Super Heroes in every state, trained and ready to tackle any emergency.

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The ORDER



For heroic deeds in their personal lives, the Order was given the chance to be super-heroic in the public's eyes.

The crowning achievement of Iron Man's 50 State Inflative program, the Order was a select group chosen to protect the state of California. Coticized by some as being the "American idol" of Super Hero teams, the Order was nevertheless a well trained group of brave individuals, famous for their chantable work, who were granted superpowers by technology devised Liv Hank Pym. Leading the Order was none other than Torry Stark's longtime assistant and friend Pepper Potts, who, as their coordinator. Hera, was given telepresence enhancements to maintain communication with the group. Along with operations leader Henry Hellrung, who was endowed with the effectrical powers of a thunderstorm and dubbed Anthem, Pepper ran the new team with an iron hand.

The ORDER



























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Star Secrets

Based in Los Angeles the Order was very list in the public eye. And with exactor Henry Helirung who had once played Tony Stark in a TV serie eading the team, that attention wasn! going to fade. So Tony hired Plk expert Kalti Kildare to help hide any is unders such as a I squé video Araune had once il ade.

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TRIAL BY FIRE

After a few of the original members were expelled due to breaching the Order's code of conduct, the roster was finally in place when a few new recruits. were added to the mix. The final line-up of the team House the Golar capatrol yedla inhotic ex social Superiorit, and the psychokinetic Matholia id Black It is assembled team had no time to rest on its laurels and enjoy the adulation of fans. During the very press. conference that announced their formation. Anthem. received an envergency call about an attack near Cutama Island

Amakened by a disturbance on land, a group of Soviet Super-Seldiers, excluding an older Crimson Dynamo model, had been unfrozen from their cryogenic status. They set out to destroy all things American.





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ATLANTIS ATTACKS

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WORLD WAR HULK



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"I need you to keep everybody clear of the combat zone. This is MY fight."

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But the Hulk wean't through yet. After beeting the Avergers I 21, Mr. Flentastic and his entire Fentastic Four 12 II, the Hulk each his eight on Earth's economer suprame, by: Strange I 41. The struggle was soon over. The Hulk had taken his captives, and even conquered the US military I 31. Now it was time for the fluminatio pay.

One by one, the Hulk forced the captured illumineti members to battle each other in a meliceabilt gladelstorial sense in New York's Medican Square Gardon. But even se an amor-lase iron Man fought Mr. Fantastic, his mind was elsewhere, working on a plan. And luckly for Tony, the cavely amived, giving him enough time to bring it about.

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EZEKIEL STANE

21ST-CENTURY TERRORISM

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Ezeidel Stane hated Tony Stark and everything he stood for, and he was determined to take it all away from him. The son of Tony's former rivel Obedieh Stane, Ezeldel had already spent much

of Tony's pet project the Order (California's hero team in the 50 State Now he was ready to stop messing around and go for the luquier. Having successfully used reverse

engineered Stark technology to convert but for other outrages all over the his own body into a deadly weepon. Stane had begun selling the same dengerous tech to any terroriet willing. to pay his rether helty bill. Responsible not only for the trapedy in Tabora.

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Ezekiel Stane vs. Stark Industries

time for Ezeldet's main course. While hiding in plain sight on a tour of Stark's Long lelend facility, Stane wandered. away from the group. After attacking an empty from Man ault operated by remote control. Stane found himself aurrounded by some of Tony's newset fron Men models. Joining his remote armors in person, Tony overpowered Stane, and nearly auccumbed to his derker impulses by showed through, and he pulled his punches just enough so that Stane could be taken into SHIELD custody, very much alive-and already plotting his revenge.







The Skrulls were everywhere. They had all but conquered Earth, and humanity didn't even know it yet.

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Posing as Hank Pym, a Skrull infiltrated the heroes' canks and rendered Reed Nort before he could tell others of his discovery. shifters, the alies Strails were meeters of espicance. They set their sights on Earth and strategically placed covert sleeper apents among the security. They believed

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SECRET WARRIERS

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HE WAR IS OVER

A Skrull invasion was in full force. Ail over the world, Skrulls carried out their allotted roles in

Stark's faithful builter Jarvis revealed himself

be a Skrull by sabolaging the Avengers'

even Iron Man's armor

As Tony lay alone in pain, the Skrull Quieur paid him a visit in the form of Spider Worklin. Failing to convince from that he was a Skrull in disguise, the Quieur departed for Manhattan to meet the next





After commandeering on Iron Man suit of ormor, Normon Osborn repainted



He was a killer, kidnapper, and Super Villain. But that was before the Secret Invasion, New Norman Osbern was America's favorite son.

Iron Patriot

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Dark Avengers



When he refused to comply with a corrupt government, Iron Man soon became the world's most wanted.





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IRON MAN: Fugitive

The Scortl invasion was over and the villanous Norman Caborn had surprisingly saived the day. Altesidy a trusted government employee for his work with the Super Hore team known as the Thurderbotks, Oason assily outshined fron Man in what was signably Earth's greatest cross. Amoral and chemically unablemend, Qubbern reglaced Tony Static as Director of the newly formed agency HAMMET. It wasn't long before he began rathlessly exploring he power But Jedono Qubbern outling the ham had been that contained at the Instatute's records of Super Hero secret identities. Stark destroyed the file and worth into inding

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THE IRON PATRIOT

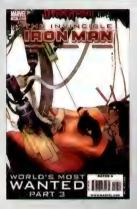
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Tony Stark had lost everything but his friends. As the mestal of the ains Statut inchoring will stark technology with a disability area, Stark Industries was on the verge of financial trail. The public considered into Man hite more than a bundhing encompetent, and the Super-Here community was still divided about his uncomponenting stance during the Carl Wer Bestder his former SHELD colleague Menn Hill and friend Repper Potts. Tony didn't seem to have many altes left. But Jum Phodies, elies Wer Mechrine, proved his keyalty to his old friend by stageng a fight with Iron Men and allowing him to escape.

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IRON MAN

"And while you're there doing your thing... and Pepper is at Stark doing her thing... I'm doing my thing and running like hell."

YORK STARK

MAIN CHARACTERS: Iron Man: Maria Hill: Pepper Potts: Iron Patriot (Norman Osborn) SUPPORTING CHARACTERS: Kat Farrell: Victoria Hand: HAMMER employees LOCATIONS: Stark Industries: Funtime, Inc.:

Restoration Park, NYC: Chicago: Los Angeles:

Rome; Berlin; Hong Kong; Seattle

BACKGROUND

Following his support of the Superhuman Registration Act that helped spark the Civil War between heroes, Iron Man was almost being regarded as a villam by the majority of the heroes in the Marvel Universe. As such, it was growing harder and harder for writers to create sympathy for the character, or to paint him in a heroic

light. Tony Stark was in need of an adventure or two that would restore his previous status

as a modern-day knight in shining armor. So when writer Matt Fraction helped relaunch Iron Man's fifth series, he looked to Tony's long and storied history, charm, and good nature to restore the hero to his former glory. By turning Iron Man from a

government employee to a noble fugitive from that same institution, Fraction superbly achieved his aim, Fraction also fleshed out Tony's supporting cast, giving new prominence to longtime love interest Pepper Potts, and also the most recent villain to challenge Tony's legacy, Norman Osborn.

The Story...

With her bess, Tony Exert, no the run from Harman Daluce and his newly: burness HAMMER organization, Popper Potts stumbles upon un fran Mass militailor-made just for hux.

Blamed for not anticipating the recent invasion of the alien Skrulle, Tony Stark had been proclaimed a criminal by Norman Ceborn, the Director of a new government security organization named HAMMER. He was now on the run, and his former, computerbased from Man powers had been shut down. Furthermore, Tony possessed the only copy of the Superhuman Registration data files, a directory of every hero's secret identity, downloaded into his brain, and was forced to slowly delete his intelligence in order to make sure that Oaborn never got his vitainous hands on them. And yet, despite all



this meyhem, Tony Stark had a plan, and he was determined to see it out. While Norman Caborn engaged in the latest of a number of press conferences regarding fron Man's fugitive status (1), Pepper Potts was doing her best to figure

cut why Tony Stark had Just recently plead her in charge of Stark industries (2). The former multi-billion-doller national conglomerate had been reduced to a virtually benirupt shell steffed by a skeleton crew. Tony's company was dying, and

It seemed that Pepper's job was simply to pull the plug. Meanwhite, at one of Tony Stark's subeldieries, Funtime, Inc., Tony and his former right-hand women at SHIELD, Meria Hill, were discussing their plans now that Deborn had made both of them into wanted criminals. Tony needed Maria to breek into his Futurepharm plant in Austin. Texas and, using a jump dilive (III) locate a hard drive containing crucial information. She should then take the hard drive to Captain America, Maria agreed and, knowing that she might be embarking on her very lest mission, kissed Tony. Overcome by passion, Tony and

Back at Stark Industries, Pepper was growing ever more frustrated with the responsibilities of her new position (4). In a ft of rage, she threw her chair scroes the room, knocking a firmed ploture askew. And that's when she discovered just with Yorn, had beset him to oming of this company, She had accidentally tripped a higher that opened a panel to a secret room, inside this futuristic chamber was

a female version of the Iron Man armor, made to fit Pepper's body (8). But Pepper wouldn't be the only person trying out an Iron Man suit that day.

Across town, in the newly christened Restoration Park, Norman Osborn was hosting yet another press conference, this time clad in a sult of armor appropriated from Stark Tower: a red, white, and blue version of Iron Men's own suit (6). With the public now referring to him as the Iron Patriot, Osborn announced that since Tony had failed to meet him at this public forum, he had ordered the seizure of all of Tony's companies all over the world. He was going to bring Tony Stark to justice (7).

Of course, Osborn wouldn't get everything. Back at Funtime, Inc., Maria Stark was busy blowing up the main building, ensuring that

dozens of iron Men suits wouldn't fail into the wrong hands (8). And as Tony Stark flaw through the sky in one of his older suits of armor to continue his mission, yet another Iron Men ault was escaping Osbom's clutches. Because back on Long latend, on the rooftop of Stark Industries, Pepper Potts stood in her new suit of armor, about to take to the skies for the first time, realizing that there would truly be no turning back now (9).





"Oh, I think going bonkers is completely imperative." Tony Stark







Without Stanfill

Separate from the world of the Tony Stark we know, there's a different Earth with a different Tony Stark. It's the Ultimate Universe, home of the Ultimate Iron Man.

In this alternate take on the lives of Earth's mightiest heroes, there's no such thing as the Avengers. In this dimension, the government assembled a familiar team of heroes to be the US's protectors. Spearheaded by SHIELD Director Nick Fury, the team operated out of a heavily fortified think tank off the coast of Manhattan called the Triskelion.

The Ultimates

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The Ultimates were costumes that reflected a more contemporary mindset, from Captain America's "winpless" cowl, to Iron Men's yellow, gray, and red armor.



The Never-ending Battle

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The Origin of Ultimate Iron Man

a skin growing virus, she also discovered that she was pregnant. Inside her womb, the virus mutated her child, allowing him to grow neural tiesus all over his body. So when Antonio Stark was born, the majority of his makeup was brain. Unfortunately, the virus also caused him constant agony.



Howard worker transcer to perfect the liquid armor that would relieve his son of the pain of daily life

Liquid Blue Armor

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Zebediah Stane

Howard Stark had a way of making enemies. When Howard outmaneuvered an attempted takeover of his company by his rival Resimusered Zebedish Stane, Stane never forgot the singlet Warrs. later, Stane kidnapped a four-year-old Tony in order to steel information about the protective liquid armor the boy was still required to weer. Howard soon tracked Stane down,



but only after a brave Tony had been tortured at the criminal's hands.

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Passage to Manhood

Tony wood his nandest to eve a normal childhood, He enrafted in school, wearing new teshcolored liquid armor, and did his beet to fit in. However, with his firm moral conscience and willingness to stand up for the little duy. Tony found himself the extirm of constant bullying. On one occasion, he even had his Mass burned off when a fight got out of hand, Nowever, Tony's fruid bewoils cells rorms blugil to recenerate lost body parts, so delpte the pain, he made a full recovery and was able to continue his studies. At the while, Tony was working on a pet: project. A better suit of armor. Something more along the lines.





AFTERWORD

I clidin't know much about iron Man when I was growing up. In fact, my knowledge of Tony Stark was limited to a beaten up Scoret Ware action figure and the contents of Iron Man 18274, a story that focused more on Spider-Women than it did the title character. Iron Man was just enother face in a crowd of intriguing heroes that my extremely limited allowance prohibited me from pursuing. To be parfectly honest, probably would have delived into his adventures a bit asoner, had the Distinguished Competition not released a feature firm starring a certain Caped Cruseder. But they did, and I was quickly drawn into the world of Gotham City, leaving Iron Man and his Avenger compenions behind in favor of a less sumny coast.

Like many fame, I was reintroduced to inon Man with Kurt Busield's revenue of the character in 1988. And I famely started to resize what I'd been miseling. This unique character, who had somehow stayed beneath my rader for so many years, had a wealth or great stories seemingly hidden from view. I'd missed work by some of comisdom's greatest writers. Creative minds like Denny O'Nell, Archie Goodwin and even Barry Windson-Smith had lent their storylelling provises to the Golden Avergen throughout his career, not to mentor the clease work. O Bavid Michael and Sob Levino, I final a for distribute to to do.

Writing this book has given me the particut excuse to delive even further into the life and times of Tony Stark, (of like to thank the great delega staff at DK and the patient folice in aditorial who helped make this book the complete peologie that it is. Thanks also go to Matt Fraction for giving me a aneak peak into what's happening next, as well as to Mark Beszley, for continued access to his desperously testering stack of back leause. And, as always, if all he to thank my wise Dorothy for her continued love and support, and for allowing me to work through the consessional eveningly dinner.

In 2008, the first fron Man feature firm were released, attraidating the imagination and oursely of thousands of new potential comic-book readers. Although fron Man wean't the city comic-book movie that came out that summer, it was easily my severie. Nobody tail a certain Capad Crusselin.

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